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FIFTEENTH TRIENNIAL SESSION.

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT

OF

Knights Templar of the United States of America.

SPECIAL MEETING—SEPTEMBER 1, A. D., 1862, A. O. 744.

In pursuance of a call for a special meeting of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America,

A number of Sir Knights—Officers and Members of said Grand Encampment—met at

Corinthian Rooms, Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Grand and Center Streets, New York City, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, on Monday, September 1st, A. D., 1862, A. O. 744.

M. Eminent Grand Master Sir BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH having opened an Encampment of Knights Templar, called the Grand Encampment to order.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Gr. Master, Sir BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH.....Washington City, D. C.
Gr. Gen'o, Sir WINSLOW LEWIS.....Boston, Mass.
As Gr. C. Gen., Sir JOHN CLARK.....St. Clair, Michigan.
As Gr. S. W., Sir ZENAS C. PRIEST.....Utica, New York.
Gr. J. W., Sir AZARIAH T. C. PIERSON.....St. Paul, Minnesota.
Gr. W., Sir JOHN W. SIMON.....New York City, N. Y.
Gr. Rec., Sir JOHN D. CALDWELL.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
Gr. Stand. B., Sir ABNER B. THOMPSON.....N. Brunswick, Maine.
As Gr. Warder, Sir EZRA L. STEVENS.....Washington City, D. C.
Gr. Prelate, Sir ROBERT MCMURDY.....Alexandria, Va.
Gr. Capt. Guards, Sir GEORGE DOWDING.....New York City, N. Y.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Gr. M., Sir WILLIAM BLACKSTONE HUBBARD.....Columbus, Ohio.
 P. Gr. Geno., Sir JAMES HERRING.....New York.

M. Em. Gr. Master made the following appointments :

Grand Prelate—Sir ROBERT McMURDY, D.D. LL.D., of Alexandria, Va.

Grand Captain of the Guards—Sir GEORGE DOWDING, New York City.

Committee on Credentials—Sirs JOHN D. CALDWELL of Cincinnati, Ohio, AZARIAH T. C. PIERSON and CHARLES PRESTON CRANE of New Orleans, La.

Sir Knight CALDWELL reported that Representatives were legally in attendance, as follows :

GRAND OFFICERS.

Gr. Master, Sir BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH..... Washington City, D. C.
 Gr. Gen'o, Sir WINSLOW LEWIS.....Boston, Mass.
 Gr. J. W., Sir AZARIAH T. C. PIERSON.....St. Paul, Minnesota.
 Gr. W., Sir JOHN W. SIMONNew York City, N. Y.
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 Gr. Capt. Guards, Sir GEORGE DOWDING.....New York City, N. Y.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Gr. M., Sir WILLIAM BLACKSTONE HUBBARD.....Columbus, Ohio.
 P. Gr. Gen'o, Sir JAMES HERRING.....New York.

REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE GRAND COMMANDERIES.

CONNECTICUT.

Sir Eliphalet G. Storer.....P. G. M., and proxy for G. Com.
 Sir William E. Sanford.....P. G. Com.
 Sir Benjamin Beecher (all of N. Haven).....P. G. Com.

INDIANA.

Sir Solomon D. Bayless, Ft. Wayne.....G. Com.
 Sir Solomon D. Bayless, Ft. Wayne, proxy for.....D. G. C.

MAINE.

Sir Abner B. Thompson, N. Brunswick.....G. C.
 Sir Moses Dodge, Portland.....G. Gen'o.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

Sir William Field, Providence.....G. C.
 Sir William Ellison, Boston.....D. G. C.
 Sir Edwin C. Bailey, Boston.....G. Gen'o.
 Sir Edward A. Raymond, Boston.....T. G. Com.

MICHIGAN.

Sir John Clark, St. Clair.....G. Com.

NEW YORK.

Sir Zenas C. Priest, Utica.....G. C.
 Sir Robert Macoy, New York City, proxy.....G. Gen'o.
 Sir Pearson Mundy, Watertown.....G. C. G.

OHIO.

Sir Kent Jarvis, Massillon.....G. C.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Sir Edmund H. Turner, Saxon.....G. C.

NEW JERSEY.

Sir Thomas T. Corson, Trenton.....G. C.
 Sir George B. Edwards, Jersey City.....D. G. C.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE COM-
MANDERIES.

MARYLAND, No. 1, BALTIMORE, Md.

Sir Ezra L. Stevens proxy for Sir J. N. McJilton.....Com.

WASHINGTON, No. 1, WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.

Sir Zadoc D. Gilman.....Com.
 Sir Daniel Buck, proxy for.....Gen'o.
 Sir Samuel P. Bell (all of Washington City).....Capt. G.

INDIVISIBLE FRIENDS, No. 1, NEW ORLEANS, La.

Sir Charles Preston Crane, New Orleans.....Com.

The Report of the Committee was approved.

Whereupon, M. E. Grand Master pronounced the Grand Encampment of K. T. for U. S. A. duly open for transaction of business under the call.

The edict for the special meeting was then read by the Grand Recorder, which summons is in the following words, viz:

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT,
K. T. OF U. S. A.

"In Hoc Signo Vincas."

BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH,

Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America:

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, GREETING:

WHEREAS, At the last meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States, held in the City of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, in September, 1859, it was ordered, "That the next Triennial Meeting be held in the City of Memphis, Tennessee;" and

WHEREAS, For reasons apparent to all, it is believed to be impossible that the triennial meeting to commence on the first Tuesday of September, 1862, can be held at Memphis, and there being no power reposing in the Grand Master to change the place of meeting fixed by the Grand Encampment, but a power reposed in him by the Constitution to call special meetings; therefore

Be it known, That I, Benjamin Brown French, Grand Master as aforesaid, by the power in me vested, do hereby call a special meeting of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, to be held at the Corinthian Rooms, in Odd Fellows' Hall, at the corner of Grand and Center streets, in the City of New York, on Monday, the 1st day of September next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering the propriety of rescinding the order made at the triennial meeting of 1859, fixing upon Memphis, in the State of Tennessee, as the place of meeting, and of fixing upon some other place for the next regular meeting, to wit: on the first Tuesday of September, 1862, being the day fixed by the Grand Constitution. At which

time and place all the officers and members of the Grand Encampment of the United States are requested to appear, clad in conformity with a special resolution of the Grand Encampment, in the prescribed costume of the Order.

Our V. E. Grand Recorder will cause this order to be promulgated to every Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, and to every Subordinate Commandery immediately subordinate to the Grand Encampment, and to every officer and Past officer entitled to a seat in the Grand Encampment, in the United States, that all, having due notice thereof, may govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and private seal, at the City of Washington, this twenty-second day of May, Anno Domini 1862, Anno Ordinis 744.

B. B. FRENCH.

The Sir Knights engaged in devotional exercises, V. Em. Grand Prelate attending at the altar.

Sir WINSLOW LEWIS, V. Em. Gr. Generalissimo, introduced the following Resolutions, viz :

Resolved, That the resolution, found on page 62 of the printed Proceedings of Triennial Session, held at Chicago in 1859, fixing the next meeting of this Grand Body at the City of Memphis, Tennessee, be and is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That the next Triennial Meeting of this Grand Body, on the first Tuesday of September, A. D. 1862, A. O. 744, be held in the City of New York.

Which Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Constitution providing that no business shall be transacted at the called meeting, save that which was specified in the original summons,

On motion of Sir AZARIAH T. C. PIERSON,

This special meeting was closed without day.

B. B. FRENCH, *G. M.*

Attest:

JOHN D. CALDWELL, *Grand Recorder.*

PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
 OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Fifteenth Triennial Meeting of the Grand
 Encampment of Knights Templar for the United
 States of America, assembled at Corinthian Rooms,
 Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Grand and Center
 streets, in the City of New York, at ten o'clock of
 the forenoon, on Tuesday, the 2d day of September,
 A. D. 1862, A. O. 744.

P R E S E N T:

Sir BENJAMIN B. FRENCH.....	G. M.
Sir DAVID SHORT GOODLOE.....	D. G. M.
Sir WINSLOW LEWIS.....	G. Generalissimo.
Sir JOHN CLARK.....	<i>acting</i> G. C. Genl.
Sir ZENAS C. PRIEST.....	<i>acting</i> G. S. W.
Sir Azariah T. C. PIERSON.....	G. J. W.
Sir John W. SIMONS.....	G. Treasurer.
Sir JOHN D. CALDWELL.....	G. Recorder.
Sir ABNER B. THOMPSON.....	G. St. B.
Sir JAMES STIRRATT.....	<i>acting</i> G. Sw. B.
Sir EZRA L. STEVENS.....	<i>acting</i> Gr. Warder.

The organization of the Grand Encampment was
 effected by the Grand Master with assistance of the
 Grand Officers and Sir Knights present.

M. E. Gr. Master announced appointments, as follows:

Grand Prelate—Sir ROBERT McMURDY, D.D., LL.D., Alexandria, Va.

Grand Captain of the Guards—Sir GEORGE DOWDING, New York City.

The Sir Knights united in devotional exercises, which were conducted by the Rev. Prelate. (See Appendix for copy of Prayer of Grand Prelate.)

On motion of Sir Knight HUTCHINSON, the resolution adopted in 1859 (see Pr. Proc., p. 60) as to costume, was suspended, so far as to its operation at this Grand Convocation.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That all Sir Knights Templar in good standing be admitted to all the sessions of this Grand Encampment, during the present assembly.

On motion of Sir Knight CLARK, of Michigan, the reading of the Journal of Proceedings of the last triennial meeting was dispensed with, copies in print being in the hands of the Sir Knights present.

The Grand Master appointed as

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Sir JOHN D. CALDWELL, of Cincinnati, O.

Sir AZARIAH T. C. PIERSON, of St. Paul, Minn.

Sir CHARLES PRESTON CRANE, of New Orleans, La.

Who proceeded to an examination of the credentials submitted.

Sir JOHN D. CALDWELL, from said Committee,

reported officers and representatives present as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Sir BENJ. B. FRENCH.....	G. M.
Sir DAVID S. GOODLOE.....	D. G. M.
Sir WINSLOW LEWIS	G. Geno.
Sir AZARIAH T. C. PIERSON	G. J. W.
Sir JOHN W. SIMONS.....	Gr. Treasurer.
Sir JOHN D. CALDWELL.....	Gr. Recorder.
Sir ABNER B. THOMPSON.....	G. St. B.
Sir ROBERT MCMURDY	G. Prelate.
Sir GEORGE DOWDING	G. Cap. Guards.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Sir WILLIAM B. HUBBARD, Columbus, O.....	P. G. M.
Sir JAMES HERRING, New York City.....	P. Gr. Geno.

FROM STATE GRAND COMMANDERIES.

CONNECTICUT.

Sir Eliphalet G. Storer, New Haven.....	P. G. C.
Also proxy for	G. C.
Sir William E. Sanford, New Haven.....	P. G. C.
Also proxy for.....	G. Geno.
Sir Benjamin Beecher, New Haven	P. G. C.
Sir William R. Higby	G. Geno.

INDIANA.

Sir Solomon D. Bayless, Fort Wayne	G. C.
Also proxy for.....	D. G. C.

MAINE.

Sir Abner B. Thompson, Brunswick.....	G. C.
Sir Moses Dodge, Portland	G. Geno.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

Sir William Field, Providence, R. I.....	G. C.
Sir William Ellison, Boston, Mass.....	D. G. C.
Sir Edwin C. Bailey, Boston, Mass.....	G. Geno.
Sir Edward A. Raymond, Boston, Mass.....	P. G. C.

MICHIGAN.

Sir John Clark, St. Clair	G. C.
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NEW YORK.

Sir Zenas C. Priest, Utica	G. C.
Sir Clinton F. Paige, Binghampton, proxy for	D. G. C.
Sir Robert Macoy, N. Y. City, proxy for	G. Geno.
Sir Pearson Mundy, Watertown	G. C. G.

OHIO.

Sir Kent Jarvis, Massillon	G. C.
And proxy for	G. C. G.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Sir Edmund H. Turner, Saxton	G. C.
Sir Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, Philadelphia	D. G. M.

NEW JERSEY.

Sir Thomas J. Corson, Trenton	G. C.
Sir George B. Edwards, Jersey City	D. G. C.
Sir John Hilton, Jersey City	P. G. C.

VERMONT.

Sir Gamaliel Washburn, Montpelier.....	G. C.
Sir William Sutton (Salem, Mass.), proxy for	D. G. C.

KENTUCKY.

Sir David Short Goodloe, Lexington.....	P. G. C.
Also proxy for.....	G. C.

ILLINOIS.

Sir W. W. Mitchell, Chicago, proxy for.....	G. C.
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SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

MARYLAND, No. 1, BALTIMORE, MD.

Sir Ezra L. Stevens, Washington, D. C., proxy for.....	Em. Com.
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WASHINGTON, No. 1, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sir Zadock D. Gilman	Com.
Sir Daniel Buck, proxy for.....	Geno.
Sir Samuel P. Bell.....	Capt. G.

DAMASCUS, No. 1, ST. PAUL, MINN.

Sir Azariah T. C. Pierson.....	Com.
Sir George L. Becker	Geno.

INDIVISIBLE FRIENDS, No. 1, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sir Charles Preston Crane	Com.
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BALTIMORE, No. 2, BALTIMORE, MD.

Sir James Stirratt.....	Com.
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The Report was approved.

TENDER OF HOSPITALITIES FROM NEW YORK TEMPLARS.

M. Em. Grand Master submitted communication as follows :

NEW YORK, Sept. 2, 1862.

M. E. BENJ. B. FRENCH,

*Grand Master of Knights Templar—Officers and Members
of the Grand Encampment of the U. S. :*

SIR KNIGHTS,—It was with much pleasure that we learned of the intention of the M. E. Grand Master to convene the Fifteenth Triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment in this city.

Sir Knights, we cordially greet and welcome you. A Templar's fare is rough habits, coarse diet, and severe duty. We therefore invite you to join us and partake of such hospitalities as we may be able to afford, at the St. Nicholas Hotel, on Wednesday evening, 3d inst., at 8 o'clock.

Yours fraternally, and in behalf of the Sir Knights of the State of N. York,

Z. C. PRIEST, *Grand Commander.*

On motion of Sir Knight HUTCHINSON,

The invitation was cordially accepted, and it was ordered that the communication be entered upon the Journal.

On motion of Sir Knight BAILEY,

It was ordered that when this Grand Encampment takes a recess at 1 o'clock P. M., it be until 3 o'clock P. M.

REPORT OF DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Master then read and submitted his Triennial Report as follows :

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment of the United States :

Through the kindness of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we are once more assembled in Triennial Meeting. Oh that it were in my power to say, as our Most Eminent Grand Master said three years ago, "in peace and fraternal union." We meet, Sir Knights, at a place far distant from that at which this Grand Body was, three years ago, adjourned to meet; and why? Alas, alas, because brother has drawn sword against brother, and civil war is raging throughout this fair land. We cannot go to our Southern Brethren, and they cannot come to us; but, as it seemed to be a wise dispensation of Providence that this Grand Encampment should be placed in the keeping of those who are determined to preserve it, let us offer up our thanks to that Providence for his kindness, in suffering so many of us to assemble here, and let us go on, earnestly and prayerfully, to do our duty, always remembering that "HE is good, for his mercy endureth forever."

My term of office as Grand Master, commenced under as favorable circumstances as could well be desired, and, until the war blast was blown, with its withering effect upon every thing, the triennial term just completed, bade fair to be as prosperous and happy as any one that has preceded it. The blight, however, came, and its effects are too bitterly apparent to be winked out of sight.

I will now proceed, with as much brevity as possible, to state all my official action for the past three years.

Commanderies to whom charters were granted at your last Triennial session, were duly organized either in person or by proxy by me, as follows:

On the 3d day of October, 1859, I issued my proxy to Sir C. A. Fuller, to constitute Yorkville Commandery, at Yorkville, Tenn., and to install the officers thereof.

I presume the duty was duly attended to, although no return was received by me.

On the 19th of September, 1859, I issued my proxy to Sir

Theodore S. Parvin, to constitute Siloam Commandery No. 3, at Dubuque, Iowa, and install the officers, who made due return that he attended to the duty on the 14th of October.

On the 20th of September, 1859, I issued my proxy to Sir Giles M. Hylyer, to constitute Cyrene Commandery No. 4, at Memphis, Tenn., and install the officers, who made return that he had attended to the duty on the 28th of the same month.

On the 19th of September, 1859, I issued my proxy to Sir L. M. Tracy, to constitute Robert Macoy Commandery, at Madison, Wisconsin, and install the officers, who made return that he had performed the duty on the 1st day of October, 1859.

On the 23d of September, 1859, I issued my proxy to Sir M. R. Thompson, to constitute Freeport Commandery No. 5, at Freeport, Ill., and install the officers, who made return that he attended to that duty on the 28th of October, 1859.

On the 3d day of October, 1859, I issued my proxy to Sir Charles A. Fuller, to constitute De Molay Commandery No. 3, at Columbia, Tenn., and to install its officers.

No return was received to this proxy.

On the 6th of October, 1859, I issued my proxy to Sir Andrew Peirce, to constitute St. Paul Commandery No. 4, at Dover, N. H., and install its officers, who made return that he had performed the duty on the 14th of October, 1859.

On the 4th of November, 1859, I issued my proxy to Sir Horace Chase, authorizing him to install the officers of Mount Horeb Commandery, at Concord, N. H., whose ancient Charter had been revived by the Grand Encampment. Sir Kt. Chase made due return that he had performed that duty on the 21st of November, 1859.

On the 23d of October, 1860, I issued my proxy to Sir W. W. Goodwin, to constitute Selma Commandery No. 5, Selma, Ala., and to install its officers. No return has ever been received.

On the 15th of November, 1859, I issued my proxy to Sir Lemuel Dwelle, to organize Cour de Lion Commandery No. 3, at Atlanta, Georgia, and install its officers, who made return

that he had performed, that duty on the 19th day of March 1860.

On the 30th of January, 1860, I issued my proxy to Sir Amos Benton, to constitute St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3, at Columbus, Georgia, and install its officers, who made return that he had performed that duty on the 22d day of March, 1860.

On the 17th of October, 1859, I issued my proxy to Sir Henry O. Kent, to constitute North Star Commandery No. 3, at Lancaster, N. H., and install its officers, who made return that he had performed that duty on the 24th day of November, 1859.

On the 12th day of October, 1859, I constituted, in person, St. Bernard Commandery No. 2, at Hightstown, N. J., and on the evening of the same day, I constituted Helena Commandery No. 3, at Burlington, N. J.; and I installed the officers of both those Commanderies, and conferred the orders of Knighthood on two candidates, in the latter.

On the 19th of October, 1859, I visited Baltimore with a detachment of Washington Commandery, No. 1, and constituted Baltimore Commandery, No. 2, and installed the officers; after which I instructed the Sir Knights in work and drill.

On the 25th of November, 1859, I constituted in person Hugh de Payen's Commandery, No. 3, at Jersey City, N. J., and installed its officers; after which I gave the Sir Knights, instruction in work and drill.

The Grand Encampment at its last meeting passed a resolution authorizing the formation of Grand Commanderies in the States of Georgia, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Alabama, Missouri, Wisconsin and New Jersey. See proceedings, page 50.

In conformity with this resolution, and on due application, to me by a sufficient number of Commanderies in each State, I issued warrants as follows, to form Grand Commanderies:

October 3d, 1859, to four Commanderies in Tennessee, and authorizing Sir Lucius J. Polk to install the Grand Commander. He made due return that he had done so on the 12th of the same month.

On the 17th of October, 1859, to three Commanderies in Wisconsin, and they proceeded to form a Grand Commandery on the 20th day of October, 1859.

On the 5th of December, 1859, to three Commanderies in Missouri, and authorized Sir A. O. Sullivan to install the Grand Commander, who made due return that he had done so on the 22d of May, 1860.

On the 12th of December, 1859, to three Commanderies in Georgia, and authorizing Sir Benj. B. Russell to install the Grand Commander, which he reported that he performed on the 25th day of April, 1860.

On the 26th of December, 1859, to three Commanderies in New Jersey, authorizing Sir J. L. Hutchinson, of Pennsylvania, to install the Grand Commander, which duty he reported that he performed on the 14th of February, 1860.

On the 19th of July, 1860, to five Commanderies in New Hampshire to form a Grand Commandery.

I was duly notified that those Commanderies had fixed upon the 22d day of August, 1859, as the day when the ceremonies of consecration and installation should take place, and an invitation was sent to me to be present. I accepted the invitation, and, accompanied by our V. E. Grand Generalissimo, Sir Winslow Lewis, attended at Concord on that day, and in the evening organized and consecrated that Grand Commandery, and installed the Grand officers, in ancient and ample form. New Hampshire being my native State, and all my early masonic associations being connected with my brethren of that State, I trust I may be excused for saying that very few events of my life have given me more pleasure than being present on the occasion above mentioned. The reception and entertainment there given me were such as brought back memories of "auld lang syne," and I hope and trust my visit made an impression there that may continue long after this form mingles with its kindred dust. The occasion was one of great interest and unalloyed satisfaction to me.

On the 4th day of September, 1860, I issued my authority for the formation of a Grand Commandery in Alabama, and authorized Sir William Field, of Rhode Island, to install the

Grand Commander. He made due return that he had performed that duty on the 1st of December, 1860.

Thus, from the time of the adjournment of the last session, up to December, 1860, there were seven Grand Commanderies added to our roll of Grand Commanderies, all of which were, at the commencement of the rebellion, proceeding prosperously and harmoniously with their Knightly duties. Since that unhappy event I have had no means of ascertaining any thing in relation to those of Georgia, Tennessee, or Alabama.

I have granted dispensations for the organization of three Commanderies only since I assumed the duties of Grand Master. They are as follows:

ST. JOSEPH COMMANDERY, at St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri. Dispensation issued Nov. 9, 1859:

Sir Wm. R. Penick, Em. Commander.

Sir Geo. C. Catlett, Generalissimo.

Sir Wellington A. Cunningham, Capt. Gen.

ORLEANS COMMANDERY, at New Orleans, Parish of Orleans, Louisiana. Dispensation granted May 19, 1860:

Sir J. Q. A. Fellows, Em. Commander.

Sir William Johnson, Generalissimo.

Sir Harman Doane, Capt. Gen.

OREGON COMMANDERY, at Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon. Dispensation granted July 24th, 1860:

Sir Amory Holbrook, Em. Commander.

Sir David Rutlege, Generalissimo.

Sir James R. Bayley, Capt. Gen.

St. Joseph's Commandery, under the resolution of the last meeting, providing that it is the duty of every subordinate Commandery, whether chartered or under dispensation, to enroll itself under the State Grand Commandery when formed, became a subordinate of the Grand Commandery of Missouri as soon as that Grand Body was formed.

I have recently received a letter from Sir Knight Fellows, Commander of Orleans Commandery, expressing a doubt whether, in consequence of the national troubles, that Commandery will be able to make the proper returns and appli-

cation for a charter at this meeting, and asking that the Grand Encampment will authorize an extension of the dispensation, which I respectfully recommend be done.

The peculiar circumstances attending the granting of the dispensation to Oregon Commandery were such as to call for a particular statement of them here, as what I have done may, and probably will, be a precedent for future action.

Until the adoption of our present constitution a Commandery could be formed, under dispensation, on the petition of nine Knights, whether they resided within the jurisdiction where the new Commandery was to be formed or not. The present constitution provides that the petitioners shall reside *within the jurisdiction*.

There were only five known Templars in Oregon. They were very anxious to introduce our order into that State. Sir Amory Holbrook wrote to me on the subject, and, without referring to our constitution, I informed him that if he would forward to me a petition, signed by nine Knights Templar, with the constitutional fee, I would consider it, and, if no obstruction was in the way, would send him a dispensation. He forwarded me a petition signed by the five Knights in Oregon, and by enough Knights of San Francisco, to make up the constitutional number. In the meantime I had referred to the constitution and ascertained that there was no power given me to act unless all the petitioners resided in Oregon. Under these circumstances I issued a dispensation to Sir Amory Holbrook, hailing from De Molay Commandery, Boston Massachusetts; Sir E. P. Henderson, hailing from Hubbard Commandery, Pennsylvania; Sir James R. Bailey, hailing from Reed Commandery, Ohio; Sir James A. Graham, hailing from California Commandery, California, and Sir David Rutledge, hailing from Clinton Commandery, Ohio, empowering them, or any three of them, to open a Commandery of Knights Templar at Oregon City, and to create a sufficient number of Sir Knights to form a constitutional petition to me—then to close said Commandery, *sine die*, and make due return to me.

All this was done in the most satisfactory and Knightly

manner, and a regular petition was forwarded, and my dispensation issued.

I have, whenever opportunity offered, visited different Commanderies, both Grand and Subordinate, during my official term.

On the 21st of November, 1859, I visited, by invitation, Helena Commandery, at Burlington, in the State of New Jersey. I found all the Knights, more than twenty in number, in the prescribed costume, and was very much gratified with my visit. I remained with them two days, and conferred the Encampment Orders on four candidates. I instructed the Commandery very fully in work and drill, and was entertained by them in a manner exceedingly creditable to their Knightly courtesy and hospitality.

On the 25th day of December, 1859, I visited, by invitation, St. John's Commandery, No. 4, of the city of Philadelphia. There were a very large number of Knights in attendance. I conferred the Encampment Orders, and instructed the Sir Knights. One feature of the evening was very interesting. Soon after the Commandery had received me, Helena Commandery, in full numbers, and completely clothed in our established costume, entered the Asylum, and were received with all honor and courtesy. They remained and aided in the ceremonies and festivities of the evening, and their visit added much to its interest. All the occurrences of the evening were of the most gratifying character.

On the 26th day of July, 1860, Washington Commandery, No. 1, left Washington for the purpose of making a visit of courtesy to their brethren in the cities of New York and Brooklyn. I accompanied them in my official capacity as Grand Master. I have only to say here, that the purposes of the visit were fully carried out, and I received from all the Sir Knights of the two cities whom I met, the utmost attention, courtesy and kindness.

I was present, by invitation, at the city of Cleveland, Ohio, on the 10th of September, 1860, at the Inauguration of the Statue of Commodore Perry. The R. E. Grand Master (Sir Kent Jarvis) and the officers of the Grand Encampment of

Ohio, received and entertained me with a kindness and courtesy that cannot be surpassed. Three hundred Templar Knights were assembled, and joined in the interesting ceremonies on that brilliant occasion. History has now made up her record of the events of that memorable day, and it would be out of place to make any other mention of it here, than to say that all relating to the Templar movements was conducted in a manner to reflect the highest credit on the accomplished Sir Knights and gentlemen who had that portion of the ceremonies in charge.

On the evening of October the 5th I visited, officially, St. Bernard Commandery, in the city of Boston, and on the evening of the 10th I visited, in the same manner, Boston Encampment. By both those bodies I was received and entertained in a manner most creditable to them and most satisfactory and pleasing to myself. I witnessed the work in both, and was very much interested. The former body (St. Bernard) were not aware that I was to visit them, and made no special preparations. The latter had invited me to be present, and there was a very large assemblage of Sir Knights. I made considerable preparation to address them, and did so at some length; and the subject of that address being of considerable interest not only to the Sir Knights of Massachusetts, but to those of other localities, I was persuaded to have it printed and distributed among our brethren; which I did, and a printed copy accompanies the papers submitted with this address, for such action, if any, as the Grand Encampment may see fit to take.

On the 24th of May, 1861, I was present at the semi-annual meeting of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, in the city of Boston, in which I was received with all the courtesies due to your Grand Master, and I addressed the Sir Knights briefly in response to some complimentary remarks from Sir William Field, the Grand Master of that Grand Body. I witnessed all the proceedings of the morning session, and they were conducted in a dignified and Knightly manner, worthy of Massachusetts and Rhode Island chivalry.

I am a pretty constant attendant of Washington Commandery, No. 1, with which I hold my affiliation. I have, however, made to it two or three official visits during my term of service, and I have ever found it in such state of perfection, as regards work, drill, general appearance and Knightly courtesy, as to confer upon the Knights attached to it credit worthy of the only Commandery at the seat of the Government of the United States.

My official correspondence, herewith submitted, shows that I have been asked a great many questions in regard to practice, drill, &c. To every question I have returned an answer. Some of those answers are in the form of decisions. I consider it my duty to submit to you every decision I have made, that you may judge whether it be right or wrong. If right, it becomes a precedent for all future time. If, in your opinion, wrong, it is your duty to overrule it, when it becomes void. Some of the opinions I have given—not assuming exactly the gravity of decisions—are, nevertheless, of sufficient importance to be stated to you, and they will be thus stated.

The most important and troublesome matter that has been presented to me, and, after a long and somewhat exciting correspondence, running through a large number of pages of my official letter-book, finally decided at much length; for which decisions see the 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260 and 261 pages of my copies of letters sent.

The difficulty arose on the protest of Sir A. G. Mackey, made on the 24th of February, 1860, against the action of the South Carolina Commandery, in adopting a resolution to go into the election of officers on the night of the 24th of February, 1860, "because the said Commandery, having failed to meet for six months, had rendered its charter null and void," &c.

A copy of that protest was forwarded to me by Sir Knight Mackey, on the 25th, inclosed in a letter, with a statement that the records showed that the last meeting was held on the 18th of July, 1859. It would take too long to go into a full history of the correspondence and proceedings here. From the 26th of February until the 3d of August, letters were

constantly passing between either the Eminent Commander, or some other officer of South Carolina Commandery, and myself. I presume a hundred pages of manuscript, in the ordinary letter form, would not contain all that was written. I appointed no less than three proxies to represent me at that Commandery and report to me the facts—two of whom declined acting; and the action of the third, by his imprudence, although acting with the best intentions doubtless, rather tended to involve the matter in more difficulty than to settle it. I had, at one time, made up my mind to go in person to Charleston, but circumstances, that I could not control, prevented.

After procuring copies of the records of South Carolina Commandery, and full statements of all the facts from the Recorder and Commander, I became convinced, that owing to a bad feeling among the members, a portion of them had determined to destroy the Commandery, by neglecting to attend its meetings, and thus breaking up a quorum.

It appeared that the Recorder had regularly notified the members that meetings would be held at stated times. That the Commander, or some other officer, and himself, and perhaps a few others, but not enough for a quorum, would meet, and there not being a quorum, would adjourn. That, under the mistaken idea that if a quorum was not present, no record was to be made, the Recorder had made none of these meetings, and that thus it appeared, *by their being no record*, that there was no meeting.

With this brief statement of what I have elaborated in my communication to South Carolina Commandery into ten pages of close manuscript, I will add a copy of my decision, viz:

"If the members of a Commandery are duly notified by the Recorder of the time and place of a regular meeting thereof, if there be present the Recorder and either of the first three officers of the Commandery, it is a legal meeting under the Grand Constitution, and a record should be made of it, and it should be stated it did no business for the want of a quorum. But, although a record be not made, the Commandery should not suffer for the neglect of the Recorder, and he may show,

afterwards, such an assemblage, and it must be admitted to be a legal meeting.

"To sustain this decision I will refer to the highest authority known.

"The first Congress, under the Constitution of the U. S., was to meet on the 4th of March, 1789.

"The record of the proceedings of the House of Representatives reads—'4th of March, 1789, the first Congress of the United States, begun and holden,' &c. Present, &c.

"No quorum appearing the House adjourned.'

"And thus the House met every day and adjourned for the want of a quorum until April 1st, when, a quorum appearing, the House proceeded to business.

"This precedent has always been followed by Congress, and it is the only safe way to proceed. Our Masonic Bodies must follow it, or place themselves at the mercy of a few disaffected or careless members, whose failure to be present for a certain number of meetings would destroy the body! This never could have been intended by the framers of the Grand Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

"My decision therefore is, that South Carolina Commandery No. 1, has not, by failure to meet for six months consecutively, forfeited any of her rights as a Commandery, but that she is in good Templar standing, and must be recognized, as well as all her acts and doings, as a regular Commandery of Knights Templar."

At the last Triennial meeting of this Grand Body the ancient Charter of Mount Horeb Commandery, in New Hampshire, was *revived* by a resolution, and I was asked whether that Commandery must be constituted and dedicated anew.

I decided that, when an old Charter of a Commandery that had been dormant was revived by the Grand Encampment, it was not necessary to constitute and dedicate the Commandery anew, but that it could elect its officers and proceed to business at once. I cited, as a precedent, the case of Washington Commandery No. 1, which lay dormant ten years, and whose charter was revived, and it proceeded, under a decision of Sir Joseph R. Stapleton, the second officer of the G. G.

Encampment, to elect and install its officers without any dedicating ceremony.

A Sir Knight, named in a Dispensation as Commander, who never has been elected and installed a Commander, is not entitled to the rank of Past Commander. Being named as Commander in a Dispensation, merely makes him the Proxy of the Grand Master; he is not installed; and the moment the Dispensation expires, he ceases to be Proxy, and can take no rank by having occupied that position.

Honorary membership does not entitle the Sir Knight holding it to vote in a Commandery. (See this question fully elaborated at pages 75 to 78 of my letter book.)

When the Grand Encampment, by resolution, authorizes the formation of Grand Commanderies in States, the Warrant of the Grand Master is still necessary, as the foundation of the Grand Commandery, and a Grand Commandery cannot be Constitutionally formed without such Warrant.

After a clear ballot for a candidate, nothing except direct and undoubted testimony of unworthiness can interpose to prevent the conferring of the Orders. No mere notice, without full statement of the reasons for giving it, should be regarded as of any weight. If any Sir Knight states, in open Commandery, that he has reasons to give why a candidate, who has passed the ordeal of the ballot, should not be created a Sir Knight, those reasons must be received and duly weighed. *Letter Book*, page 87.

No petition can be received signed by more than one candidate, nor can a petition be acted upon until it has been referred to a committee, and a report made. [This decision was made in consequence of its appearing on the records of a Commandery, that *one* petition was received from nineteen Royal Arch Masons, and, without any reference of the petition, they were all elected to receive the Orders.] L. B., p. 93.

Expulsion [from the Order] deprives a Knight Templar of all his rights as a Templar. While expelled he is driven from the Order; has no Templar standing, and although he may be restored to his standing as a Knight by a majority vote, he cannot be restored to membership in the Commandery of

which he was a member when expelled, except by being regularly elected by a unanimous ballot. L. B., p. 103.

The loss of a leg is an insurmountable objection to the creating a man a Knight Templar. L. B., p. 147.

A present Commander of a Chartered Commandery should not, at the same time, hold the office of Commander in another Commandery under dispensation. L. B., p. 167.

It is improper to dedicate a Commandery under dispensation, or to install its officers. L. B., p. 217.

It is always in the power of the Eminent Commander to order his Commandery to appear either in full costume or fatigue dress, as he may think proper. L. B., p. 235.

Any Knight Templar in good standing, is eligible to any office that the Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery, or a subordinate Commandery may think proper to bestow upon him. L. B., p. 285.

Reply to the G. C. General of a G. Commandery, who thought the G. Commander's work erroneous: "Until I am either present, or called on by your G. Commander, or Grand Commandery, the work must go on as your G. Commander directs, although it be, in my opinion, erroneous. And, although I pronounce *your* work right, and, in my own presence should insist upon its being done in my way, still, when in the presence of your own Commander you are bound to obey his orders, unless they are so manifestly erroneous as to be an entire departure from Templar Masonry, or a violation of your Templar vows." L. B., p. 269.

The action of a Blue Lodge, in suspending or expelling a Master Mason who is a K. T., should affect his standing in the Commandery. No Templar can hold Masonic intercourse with a suspended or an expelled Master Mason.

Any officer of a Commandery, *except the Commander*, can resign. The Commander cannot. L. B., p. 271.

The following questions were propounded to me by the R. E. G. Com. of a Grand Commandery, viz.:

"1. Has a Past Commander of a subordinate Commandery, who also is an officer of a Grand Commandery, a right to vote in both capacities?

"2. If he is also a Past Grand Officer, does that give him an additional vote?

"3. If he also holds the proxies of the Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of his own Commandery, can he vote three times more?"

Viewing these questions as somewhat important, I will give my answer in full.

The 1st Sec. of Art. II. of the Grand Constitution, defines, beyond a doubt, *who shall be members of a Grand Commandery*. But, after thus defining, the peculiar language as to *who shall vote*, is: "Each of the *individuals* enumerated in this section shall be entitled, *when present*, to one vote."

Now what did the framers of that Constitution mean by using the words "individuals"—"when present?" Had they intended that each officer and past officer, enumerated, should vote as many times as his present and past offices could be enumerated, they would have said so, and omitted the words "when present." Undoubtedly, in using the word "individual," they intended to guard against conferring such power upon a single person, and so used that word in its usual sense and acceptation, as applying to the *person* and not to the office, thereby fixing the power to vote on the *individual*, and not on the office.

This construction does not, however, apply to *proxies*, the power to appoint them being in a separate section, and a proxy being always regarded the same as *the individual* he represents; so that *one person* may, in the eye of the law, be as many individuals as he happens to hold proxies from.

I therefore construe the Constitution to authorize each *individual* who may be present at any meeting of a Grand Commandery, in conformity with the provisions of Sec. 1, of Art. II., to be entitled to give *one vote* on account of his office, or past office, and to vote on all the proxies he may hold from absent officers, who would, if present, be entitled to vote, provided such proxies came within the provisions of the 2d section of said article, relating to proxies.

To illustrate. The G. Commander can give his *individual* vote as G. Commander, but that of no past officer. A Past

G. Commander can give his individual vote as Past G. Commander, but that of no other past officer, and so on. If either of those officers, or any other, entitled to vote, hold the proxy of any officer of the subordinate Commandery of which he is a member, he must be regarded *as if he were that person*, and can give his vote. But, in this case, no person could possibly have more than three proxies.

In one point of view, this construction may seem to deprive a subordinate Commandery of its rights, inasmuch as an officer entitled to represent it may be a Grand officer, and thus be deprived of his *representative vote*. But, as no subordinate Commandery should, by any construction of the Grand Constitution, be deprived of any of its rights, or its power, I hold that the individual, holding the two offices, can authorize any qualified Knight to represent his Commandery office, as his proxy, although he be present in another official capacity.

These constructions appear to me to carry out the intentions of the makers of the Grand Constitution, and to do away with the monstrous "one man power" of casting nine votes, that a casual reading of that instrument seems to give. L. B., p. 280.

Extract from a letter to an Em. Commander: "I believe it is a universal military rule that the cockade should be worn on the left side of the hat. It does not seem to be a matter of much importance. To make uniformity, I will *order* that the cross and trimmings be worn on the left side of the chapeau." L. B., p. 300.

On the 1st day of December, 1860, Sacramento Commandery adopted, by resolution, the costume established by the Grand Encampment of the United States.

On the 6th of April, 1861, the Commandery, in the absence of the Commander, rescinded the resolution thus adopted.

At the subsequent meeting, in May, the Commander being present, decided that the rescinding resolution was null and void on the ground of unconstitutionality.

On the ground that Sacramento Commandery, by adopting the costume ordered by the Grand Encampment of the United States, made the order of that superior body its own, and they could not afterwards rescind it, because that would be,

in fact, changing an order of the Grand Encampment, I sustained the decision of the Commander. L. B. p. 300.

During my term of office I have issued several Circulars relative to matters which appeared to me of official importance enough to be thus noticed.

The first one was issued on the first day of June, 1860, on the receipt of an official communication addressed to me by Sir Kt. M. H. Shuttleworth, Grand Vice Chancellor of the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar of England and Wales, announcing the death of Sir John Masson, Grand Chancellor of that Most Eminent Body. Sir Knight Masson was well known, by reputation, to us all; an excellent officer and most worthy man; and I issued my circular announcing his death, and directing appropriate honors to his memory, and directed our Grand Recorder, Sir Kt. Risk, to cause the same to be printed and circulated in a proper manner, which was done.

In February, 1861, I received official notice of the death of Colonel Charles Kemeys, Kemeys Tjute, M. E. Grand Master of the "Royal, Exalted, Religious and Military Order of Masonic Knights Templar in England and Wales."

I at once issued the proper circular announcing his death throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, in such terms as seemed to me proper and respectful, which was also caused to be printed and circulated by our V. E. Grand Recorder.

On the 18th day of April, 1861, I issued a circular, and caused the same to be printed and distributed, touching the tendency of the Nation to Civil War. I reflected long and deeply whether it was my duty thus to do. But the idea that I was placed at the head of a Christian Order, whose jurisdiction was spread over a vast Empire, and that the enlightened people composing a prosperous and mighty nation were about plunging into civil war, so wrought upon me that I came to the conclusion that a sacred duty was upon me to do what I could to endeavor to avert the dread encounter that seemed so imminent. Thus impelled, as it were, I wrote the circular of April 18th. I did not expect any other response than that of a feeling in the bosom of every Templar who should read it, somewhat kindred to the one in my own bosom that induced

it. Judge, then, my surprise at receiving, soon after its promulgation, a letter from Sir E. H. Gill, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia, couched in such language that I declined making any reply to it. I placed it on file in silence and sadness, hoping that it would never meet any eye but my own. Its destiny, however, was otherwise, for acting on the old Latin proverb, "*Quem Deus vult perdere prius dementat*," Sir Kt. Gill caused his letter to be published and widely distributed. You all, Sir Knights, have witnessed the manner in which it was received, and great pride and satisfaction was felt by me at finding that the course I had pursued was so generally approved, while that of Sir Knight Gill was universally condemned. The subject is, to me, both delicate and painful, so I will comment no further upon it.

Having heard, in January last, of the death of our V. E. Grand Recorder, Sir Samuel G. Risk: on the 21st day of that month, in conformity with power specially vested in the Grand Master by the Grand Encampment, I issued my Edict appointing Sir John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Grand Recorder. He has performed all the duties of that most responsible office from that time in the most prompt and satisfactory manner.

The R. E. Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont, at its annual meeting on the 7th day of January last, passed a resolution dissolving its connection with the Grand Encampment of the United States. Not receiving the printed proceedings of that Body, I did not become aware of its action until March. As soon as it came to my knowledge, believing it to be a solemn duty to place upon that act the seal of my disapprobation in as energetic a manner as possible, I issued an Edict, on the 18th day of March, which was promulgated through our V. E. Grand Recorder, declaring said Grand Commandery out of the pale of Templar Masonry.

As soon as it came to the notice of the principal officers of the Grand Commandery of Vermont, a special meeting of that Body was convened, and a preamble and resolutions were adopted rescinding the former resolution, and in a tone and manner so honorable to that Grand Body, and in a spirit so Knightly and Fraternal, as to give evidence that the former

resolution was thoughtlessly and hastily adopted, without a due regard to the consequences. Immediately on receiving a copy of those rescinding resolutions, on the 16th day of May, I issued my Edict restoring said Grand Commandery to all its rights and privileges, and it now stands among the loyal Grand Commanderies of the United States, with its bright shield unblemished.

Finding that it would be impossible to carry out the resolution of the last session fixing Memphis, Tennessee, as the place for this meeting, on the 22d day of May last, in conformity with a provision of the Grand Constitution, I issued my Edict convening a special meeting of this M. E. Grand Body here on the 1st of September inst. (yesterday), setting forth the purposes of the special meeting.

These are all the circulars and edicts which I have issued during the past three years. They will all be found, in printed form, in my book of letters received.

The Grand Encampment, at its last session, by resolution imposed several duties upon the Grand Master, some of which I have sought to perform, while others, for reasons which I hope will be satisfactory, I have omitted.

The procuring of a Grand Standard and Beauseant was ordered. Proceedings, page 60. I went so far as to write to New York and ascertain what the cost of these Banners of our Order would be, but, before I had time to order them, I found that our Grand Recorder was having our printing executed at what seemed to me extravagant prices, and foreseeing that, in consequence of the troubles of the country, our income must be small, I concluded that, as we had gone on for nearly a half century without Banners, that it would be better to do without them a few years more than to run any risk of pecuniarily embarrassing the Grand Encampment by their purchase. I have therefore, from prudential motives alone, refrained from carrying out that order.

A resolution may be found, on the 62d page of our proceedings, requesting the Grand Master to ascertain whether Rob. Morris, Commander, at Hickman, Kentucky, did confer on any of those persons who constituted at that time the

Commandery at Yorkville, the Orders of Knighthood, &c. I am not a little mortified in saying that that resolution escaped my notice until I thought it too late to comply with the request of the Grand Encampment, consequently nothing has been done under it.

On the 68th page will be found a resolution, authorizing the Grand Master to request our M. E. Past Grand Master Hubbard to sit for his portrait, &c.

I have complied with that resolution, and am happy to report that the portrait has been executed and paid for, and is now in charge of the V. E. Grand Treasurer.

By a resolution of the Grand Encampment, adopted at the last meeting (see page 70 of the printed proceedings), the Grand Recorder was directed to procure a sword, and cause the same be presented to your Grand Master, as an evidence of the appreciation of the manner in which he had performed his duties as Grand Recorder. The sword was procured, but, as the Grand Recorder could not conveniently meet the Grand Master in person, he appointed Sir Albert Pike to perform the duties of making the presentation, which was done on the evening of Wednesday, March 28, 1860, in the presence of Washington Commandery, No. 1, and a very full convocation of Knights Templar.

Were Sir Kt. Risk alive to make report of his doings, or were Sir Kt. Pike present, I should be saved the somewhat delicate duty of alluding to the presentation, any further than to present my sincere thanks to the Grand Encampment for the honor done me. Now I will say, that the presentation was made in terms becoming the occasion, and in a manner most creditable to the eminent Freemason and Templar who made it. A response was made by me. The proceedings were published in full, I think, by order of Washington Commandery, and at its expense. I received a few copies, but gave them all away, and have been unable to procure a single copy to submit with this address. Believing that unless I made the report on this subject myself, that none would be made, I have made it.

At our triennial meeting, at Hartford, in 1856, it will be

recollected by some of the Knights present, that, on motion of Sir A. G. Mackey, after some remarks on the subject, a material change was ordered in the conferring of the Order of the Knight of Malta, or of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. I doubted, at the time, the expediency of the change, and although I have followed it, I am convinced of its impropriety. Indeed I see no reason why the regular work in conferring of that Order should not be adopted in all Commanderies, as it is in some, if not all, of those in Massachusetts. I respectfully suggest whether it would not be expedient to refer this subject to a special committee.

During my entire term of office, there has been a difficulty existing in at least two of our most respectable Grand Commanderies, relative to some of the changes made in our Grand Constitution, at Hartford. I have sought earnestly to reconcile these difficulties. The address I delivered before the Boston Encampment, already alluded to, was chiefly intended to effect that object; but they still exist, and they are of so grave a character that, although with exceeding reluctance, I recommend that some action be taken during this session, on this subject.

I submit herewith my account current, showing the expenditures made by me on account of the Grand Charter's contingent fund. The expenditures for the three years have amounted to \$130.59, leaving a balance of that fund of \$169.41.

I also submit my final account and vouchers as Grand Recorder. I sent a balance in my hands of \$242.53 to our V. E. Grand Treasurer, on the 27th of October, 1859. Afterwards I received of Des Moines Commandery, Iowa, for dues, \$42, which I also sent, immediately on its receipt, to our Grand Treasurer. His receipts for both these sums will be found among the papers.

I regret that the state of our Grand Treasury is not more satisfactory. The very expensive manner in which our last triennial proceedings were published, costing \$847, and the sum taken direct from the treasury to pay for the reprint of our proceedings, viz., \$1,445, has made quite an inroad

upon our funds; and the meagre sum received, as compared with former triennial terms, has reduced the funds on hand, according to the account of the Grand Treasurer, rendered to me in August last, to \$2,240.14. The balance in my hands, of my contingent fund, and sums that have since come into the treasury, will, however, increase that balance considerably. I hope the expenses of this meeting will be sufficiently economized to permit our next triennial term to commence with at least \$2,000 in the treasury; and I respectfully suggest to the representatives of Grand Commanderies, whether it would not be proper for the Grand Commanderies they represent, to take of the Grand Encampment a sufficient number of copies of the reprint, at a stipulated price, to be fixed by our Grand Treasurer, to reimburse the Grand Encampment for the expense incurred in the printing. This, as it seems to me, would be but just, and I hope it will meet with favor. I have no doubt that the comparatively trifling sum to be paid by each Grand Commandery would readily be reimbursed to them by individual Knights and Subordinate Commanderies, who would desire to possess copies of the reprint.

The Grand Treasurer's Report will be submitted, and it will show the exact state of our treasury at this time.

The past three years has left a melancholy record of those departed from amongst us forever, who were with us at the last Triennial Meeting at Chicago.

Sir Knights William C. Barker, Philip C. Tucker, Moses Paul, John W. Hunt, Robert P. Dunlap, Charles Gilman and Samuel G. Risk have all laid down the cross in this world, and, it is hoped, assumed the crown of glory in another.

They were all well known to me, and three of them, Tucker, Dunlap and Gilman, were my personal friends of many years' standing. To the memories of Barker, Hunt and Gilman I have in other places already placed upon record my appreciation of their Knightly worth, their eminent virtues, and their Christian faith, as exemplified in their entire lives. It would have been a melancholy satisfaction to have added to that record a tribute to the memory of the others; but the

opportunity was not afforded me, and the great length to which this paper is already necessarily drawn out forbids any indulgence of that kind here.

I, however, recommend that a select committee be appointed to take the subject into consideration, and report such a tribute of respect to them all as they may think proper. We should not forget how well and faithfully Sir Kt. Gilman served this Grand Body for many years as its G. Recorder, and that Sir Kt. Risk, at the time of his death, held that very important and honorable office.

I have already alluded to the death of the Grand Master and Grand Chancellor of the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, and, should the committee above suggested be appointed, I recommend that a tribute of respect to the memory of those high officers and eminent individuals be not forgotten.

It affords me great satisfaction to inform you that, through the zeal, care and efforts of Sir J. Q. A. Fellowes, of New Orleans, all the property, consisting of the books, files, papers, seal and press, &c., belonging to the Grand Encampment, in the possession of our late G. Recorder at the time of his death, have been collected and returned here to our V. E. Grand Treasurer, and are now in his possession.

Sir Kt. Fellowes is worthy of the warmest thanks of this Grand Body for this act of a true and noble Templar. In this, and in other things which time will develop, he has performed a part in New Orleans that will place his name high on the future records of Grand Masters and Templars.

No recommendation is required from me in this case, for I know every heart here will leap spontaneously into action to give him the honor and the praise which he has so nobly earned.

Sir Knights, I have already wearied you with much writing, but I could not well say less and do what seemed to me to be my duty.

I have only now to say, our Fifteenth Triennial Session is before us. Let us all do our duty promptly, harmoniously, and with an eye single to the grand characteristics which we

avow—"Unsullied honor, unbounded zeal in a brother's cause, and universal benevolence."

Let us bear constantly in mind that there are many Commanderies, both Grand and subordinate, which cannot, in consequence of our unhappy national difficulties, be represented here; and let our action be such that, after we shall have closed our labors, we may look back upon them with the reflection that we have done no one thing that can in the most remote manner operate to the prejudice of our Southern Fraters, or in any manner tend to prevent a most harmonious and glorious reunion whenever it shall please God to restore peace and harmony to our now distracted country.

The Report was referred to Sir Knights, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON THE DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Sir Kent Jarvis, of Ohio.

Sir Ezra L. Stevens, of District of Columbia.

Sir Edwin C. Bailey, of Massachusetts.

Sir Thomas J. Corson, of New Jersey.

Sir Moses Dodge, of Maine.

Deputy Grand Master Sir DAVID S. GOODLOE made verbal Report that he has not been called on to perform any official act since last Convocation.

Grand Generalissimo Sir WINSLOW LEWIS made verbal Report that he had been present with M. E. Grand Master at the constitution of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, but otherwise had not performed any official act during the past three years.

The Grand Encampment took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

First Day---Afternoon Session.

TUESDAY, Sept. 2d—3 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Encampment resumed business, M. E.
Grand Master and Grand Officers present.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

M. E. Grand Master announced appointment of
the following Standing Committees:

ON FINANCE.

Sir Zenas C. Priest, of New York.
Sir James Stirratt, of District of Columbia.
Sir Clinton F. Paige, of New York.

ON DISPENSATIONS AND NEW COMMANDERIES.

Sir Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, of Pennsylvania.
Sir John Clark, of Michigan.
Sir Robert Macoy, of New York.
Sir David S. Goodloe, of Kentucky.
Sir Gamaliel Washburn, of Vermont.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Sir William E. Sanford, of Connecticut.
Sir William Ellison, of Massachusetts.
Sir George B. Edwards, of New Jersey.
Sir Daniel Buck, of District of Columbia.
Sir George L. Becker, of Minnesota.

ON GRIEVANCES.

Sir Zadock D. Gilman, of District of Columbia.
Sir Pearson Mundy, of New York.
Sir Edward A. Raymond, of Massachusetts.
Sir Benjamin Beecher, of Connecticut.
Sir John Hilton, of New Jersey.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Sir Solomon D. Bayless, of Indiana.
Sir John W. Simons, of New York.
Sir Winslow Lewis, of Massachusetts.
Sir Eliphalet G. Storer, of Connecticut.
Sir Samuel P. Bell, of District of Columbia.

TO DESIGNATE PLACE OF NEXT TRIENNIAL MEETING.

Sir John W. Simons, of New York.
Sir Charles Preston Crane, of Louisiana.
Sir Abner B. Thompson, of Maine.

On motion of Sir Knight BAILEY, the subject-matter of costume, and the resolution relating thereto (see page 60 of the Proceedings of 1859), were referred to a select committee of five, viz.:

SELECT COMMITTEE ON COSTUME.

Sir Edwin C. Bailey, of Massachusetts.
Sir John W. Simons, of New York.
Sir William B. Hubbard, of Ohio.
Sir Robert Macoy, of New York.
Sir Moses Dodge, of Maine.

Sir PEARSON MUNDY, of New York, gave notice that at 11 of the clock of the forenoon to-morrow, Wednesday, September 3d inst., he would move an amendment to the Constitution, so as to provide for election of officers of this Grand Encampment on the first Wednesday of the Triennial Session thereof.

On motion of Sir Knight JARVIS, the Grand Encampment adjourned until 10 o'clock of the forenoon to-morrow.

B. B. FRENCH, *G. M.*

Attest:

JOHN D. CALDWELL, *Grand Recorder.*

Second Day---Morning Session.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 3d—10 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Encampment met, M. Em. Grand Master French presiding. Officers in attendance same as yesterday.

The minutes were read, approved and signed.

The Grand Recorder submitted a report, which was ordered to be printed in the Proceedings.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the M. Em. Grand Encampment of the U. S.:

The M. E. Grand Master having, on the 21st of January, 1862, commissioned me as Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A., I executed my bond, and was duly installed by Sir Thomas Sparrow, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of Ohio, at the altar of Mt. Vernon Encampment No. 1, Columbus, Ohio, and proceeded immediately to discharge the duties of the office.

The books, papers, seal and other effects of this Grand Body were in possession of the legal representatives at New Orleans, La.—of the lamented Sir Knight, Samuel G. Risk, Grand Recorder, who died at Memphis, Tenn.

In pursuance of instructions from M. E. Grand Master, I procured a new Record and necessary Blank Books for the occasion, also a new Seal and Press.

The Constitution provides for appropriation of a sufficient sum to be used by the Grand Recorder to meet the current expenses of the Secretariat; but not having received any portion of this contingent fund, I advanced payment for bills incurred for the Grand Encampment, which, amounting to

\$62, have, with vouchers, been laid before your Committee on Finance.

Within a few days of the meeting of this Grand Body, I was informed that, through the friendly interposition of Sir Knight Fellowes, and Sir Knight Charles Preston Crane, Em. Com. of Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, New Orleans, who is personally present with us at this meeting, all our archives were secured. Subsequently they have been placed in my possession.

Agreeing as I do in the importance of preserving our Templar history, in the absence of the Historical Register, opened by Sir Knight French when he was Grand Recorder, I devoted myself with assiduity to the pleasing duty of collecting notes of the Masonic life of our active Templars, and history of the Subordinate and State Commanderies.

To perfect this work will require continued research and extensive correspondence, with collation of printed proceedings. In aid of this purpose, I respectfully recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to have proper blanks and circulars printed, that this information may be speedily secured, and arranged in order.

The following statement is an exhibit of the condition of Commanderies immediately under this jurisdiction :

Cash received for dues—

Washington Commandery No. 1, Washington, D. C. . . \$34
Oregon Commandery, Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Oregon 14

The other Subordinate Commanderies have not complied with the requisition (see Art. 3, Sec. 4) to furnish me with their full annual historical and financial returns, for the use of the Grand Master.

JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Recorder.

REPORT ON DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

Sir Knight JARVIS, from Standing Committee, submitted report, which, being amended to read as follows, was agreed to :

To the Grand Encampment K. T. of U. S.:

The committee on the doings of the Grand Officers respectfully report in part, that they have examined the Grand Master's address, and they would recommend—

That so much as relates to matters of Masonic law, including the granting of a Dispensation to a Commandery in Oregon, the difficulties that have occurred in South Carolina Commandery No. 1, in Charleston, with the protest of Sir Kt. A. G. Mackey, be referred to the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That so much as relates to Dispensations and Warrants be referred to the standing committee on Dispensations and New Commanderies.

That so much as relates to financial matters be referred to the standing committee on Finance.

That so much as relates to the circular of our Grand Master, issued on the 18th of April, 1861, touching the tendency of the approach of a civil war, and the answer thereto of Sir E. H. Gill, Grand Commander of the G. Commandery of Virginia, be referred to a special committee of three, whose duty it shall be to report at this session of the Grand Encampment.

That so much as relates to the death of the Sir Knights, mentioned in the address, be referred to a special committee of three, agreeably to the recommendation of the Grand Master.

That so much as relates to the difference prevailing in the manner of conferring the Order of the Knights of Malta in different localities be referred to a special committee of three, to report at the present session of the Grand Encampment.

We recommend that the address, delivered by our Grand Master before the Boston Encampment of Knights Templar in October, 1860, be published as an Appendix to his address at this session of the Grand Encampment.

KENT JARVIS,
E. L. STEVENS,
E. C. BAILEY,
THOS. J. CORSON,
MOSES DODGE,

Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Sir WILLIAM E. SANFORD, from the Standing Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted Report :

To the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the printed proceedings of the last triennial session of the Grand Encampment, and find that the only unfinished business remaining to be acted upon at this session is an amendment to the Constitution proposed by Sir Knight Hillyer, viz.:

Strike out of Sec. 4 of Art. 1 the words "on the first Tuesday of September, at such places," and insert the words "at such time and place."

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the said amendment.

Respectfully submitted by

WILLIAM E. SANFORD,

WM. ELLISON,

DANIEL BUCK,

GEO. L. BECKER,

GEORGE B. EDWARDS,

Committee.

The recommendation was agreed to, and Sec. 4 of Art. 1 of the Constitution was amended to read as follows :

SEC. 4. *Meetings.* The stated meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States shall occur triennially at such time and place as may have been previously designated by the standing committee (see Art. IV., Sec. 4, Rule 4), and approved by the Grand Encampment of the United States.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master announced appointment of Select Committees, as follows :

ON RITUAL OF KNIGHTS OF MALTA.

Sir William E. Ellison, of Massachusetts.

Sir Azariah T. C. Pierson, of Minnesota.

Sir Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, of Pennsylvania.

ON CIRCULAR OF GRAND MASTER AND RESPONSE OF GRAND
COMMANDER GILL.

Sir Thomas J. Corson, of New Jersey.

Sir Robert McMurdy, of Virginia.

Sir Ezra L. Stevens, of District of Columbia.

ON DEATHS OF EMINENT SIR KNIGHTS.

Sir Winslow Lewis, of Massachusetts.

Sir William B. Hubbard, of Ohio.

Sir Abner B. Thompson, of Maine.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Sir WILLIAM B. HUBBARD, P. G. M., from a Standing Committee, submitted Report, as follows :

The Committee on Finance herewith make their first Report :

That they have carefully examined the books, entries, and vouchers of the V. E. Grand Treasurer, and find all in good order, and bearing, on inspection, the evidence of financial integrity, industry, and skill. Distinct vouchers, regularly numbered, were on hand for all payments for which a voucher could in reason be expected ; and where no voucher existed, the sums so unrepresented were trifling in amount, but obviously necessary to the discharge of his official duties. His account current, therefore, was fully approved, and so certified by your committee on his books.

The aggregate of amounts received from all sources, inclu-

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sive of interest on loans, by the V. E. Grand Treasurer, and up to the first of this month (the end of our fiscal year), is \$5,387 29, and the aggregate of disbursements \$3,214 90; leaving in his possession, on the 1st inst., \$2,172 39. The excess in expenditures over former terms of like time has been caused mainly by an increased quantity of printing, and, to the mind of your committee, the very high price paid therefor. Your committee are not aware of any payments having been made, either for dues or otherwise, into the treasury during the present session, except the sum of \$150 this day paid in by our late and V. E. Past Grand Treasurer, E. A. Raymond. This is a sum which was, in his absence, allowed him for clerk hire during the three years preceding the convocation at Chicago, and regularly credited in his account. It is now returned to the treasury by the sole, independent, and magnanimous action of our V. E. Past Grand Treasurer, and your committee have been debarred the pleasure of recommending that the same sum should be again restored to him, by his decided and explicit instructions to your committee to not do so, as he would under no circumstances receive the same. He has preferred the higher and more noble consideration of having faithfully and honestly served the Grand Encampment in that office twenty-one years without fee or pecuniary reward. A noble example of self-denial and Masonic devotion!

In connection with the V. E. Grand Treasurer's account current, your committee have examined the M. E. Grand Master's account, in relation to his contingent fund. This your committee have found correct, and most commendably kept. The expenditures amount to the sum of \$130 59, for which vouchers and entries to the entire satisfaction of your committee accompany the account. The above sum deducted from the gross amount (\$300) of the contingent fund, leaves the sum of \$169 41 in his hands, as part of the available money in the treasury, and thus, with the \$150 above added to the stated balance on the first day of this month, showing as the whole available fund of the treasury, on the 2d day of September inst., \$2,491 80.

Your committee have also examined the account and vouchers of your late V. E. Grand Recorder, now M. E. G. Master, and find the same in perfect order. This account has also been compared with the entries of the present and V. E. Grand Recorder, and found correct.

In reference to our late V. E. Grand Recorder, Sir Samuel G. Risk (whom, with profound regret, all Sir Knights lament as no more of this earth, living with them), your committee have been furnished with no accounts, vouchers, or papers up to the time of his sudden departure, but simply an account current of his up to the 13th of September, 1860. From this it appears that up to that time he had officially received for dues and dispensations \$437, and had disbursed for the ordinary expenses of his office \$93 39, and had paid over to the V. E. Grand Treasurer \$343 61; thus balancing the account. All of which is fully approved by your committee.

Your committee have also examined the account current of your present V. E. Grand Recorder, and find that the expenses incurred were rendered necessary to the discharge of his official duties; that they amount to the sum of \$62, for all which satisfactory vouchers accompany, and which sum your committee recommend to be paid by this Grand Encampment, by an order upon their V. E. Grand Treasurer.

Your committee, before closing their present report, remark that, from the absence of documents and reports, they are unable to present a full and complete view or tabular statement of the financial condition and resources of the Grand Encampment, inclusive of arrearage dues and otherwise, but have, from the necessity of the case, reported so much as, and no further than, the facts presented would justify.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. HUBBARD,
C. PRESTON CRANE,
ZENAS C. PRIEST,
JAMES STIRRAT,
CLINTON F. PAIGE.

The Report was agreed to, and its recommendations were adopted.

COSTUME.

Sir Knight BAILEY, from a Select Committee on Templar Uniform, reported—

That they have given deliberate attention to the subject. The question of a uniform for the Body of Knights Templar of the United States—a uniform that should be at once appreciated and adopted by every Knight Templar in the country—has occupied the attention of this Grand Body, as well as the earnest solicitude of many of the State Grand Bodies.

Your committee believe that all that has been done within the past few years, in the matter of a uniform, are steps taken in the right direction, and that we have now arrived at a point where complete success may be reasonably anticipated as the result of our labors.

The objections advanced to the costume adopted at the last Triennial Conclave of this Grand Body are want of adaptation to the requirements of our modern Templars, its liability to injury, and its expensiveness. In the uniform now proposed, your committee have sought to attain the important objects of neatness, durability, economy, and distinctiveness of character, and, if sanctioned here, they feel confident of its general adoption throughout the country.

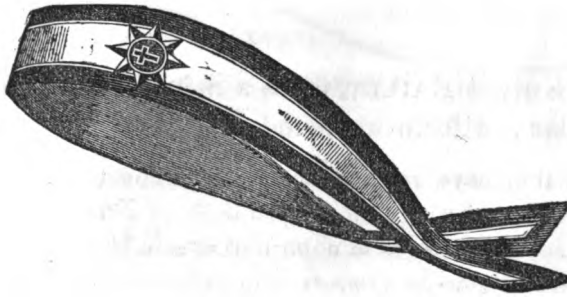
Your committee therefore offer for adoption the following description of

THE UNIFORM OF A KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

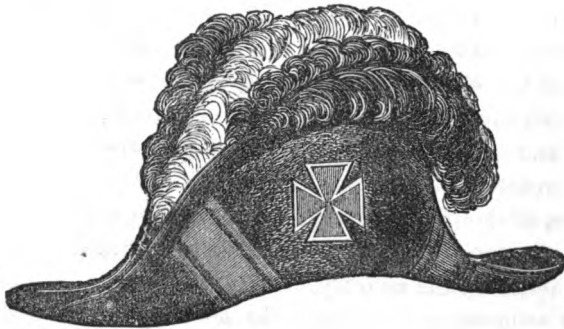
FULL DRESS.—Black frock coat, black pantaloons, scarf, sword, belt, shoulder straps, gauntlets and chapeau, with appropriate trimmings.

FATIGUE DRESS.—Same as full dress, except for chapeau a black cloth cap, navy form, with appropriate cross in front, and for gauntlets white gloves.

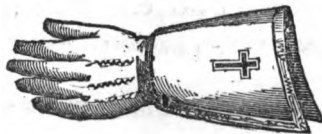
SCARF.—Five inches wide in the whole, of white, bordered with black one inch on either side, a strip of navy lace one-fourth of an inch wide, at the inner edge of the black. On the front centre of the scarf, a metal star of nine points, in



allusion to the nine founders of the Temple Order, inclosing the Passion Cross, surrounded by the Latin motto, "*In hoc Signe Vinctes*;" the star to be three and three-quarter inches in diameter. The scarf to be worn from the right shoulder to the left hip, with the ends extending six inches below the point of intersection.



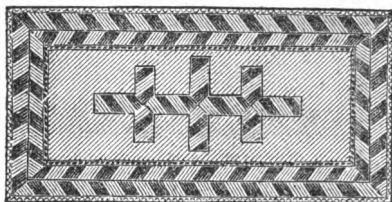
CHAPEAU.—The military chapeau, trimmed with black binding, one white and two black plumes, and appropriate cross on the left side.



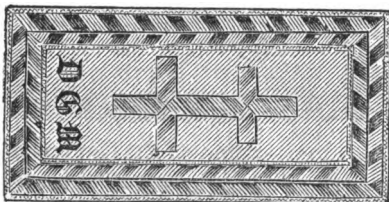
GAUNTLETS.—Of buff leather, the flap to extend four inches upwards from the wrist, and to have the appropriate cross embroidered in gold, on the proper colored velvet, two inches in length.

SWORD.—Thirty-four to forty inches, inclusive of scabbard, helmet head, cross handle, and metal scabbard.

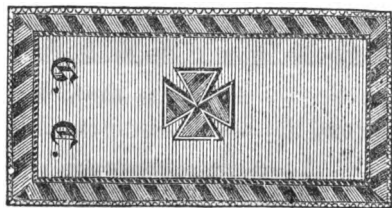
BELT.—Red enameled or patent leather, two inches wide, fastened round the body with buckle or clasp.



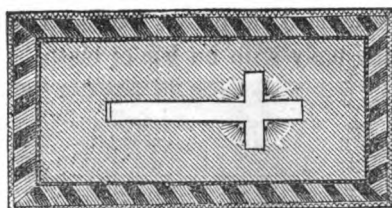
SHOULDER STRAPS.—*For Grand Master and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment.*—Royal purple silk velvet, two inches wide by four inches long (outside measurement), bordered with two rows of embroidery, of gold, three-eighths of an inch wide; the Cross of Salem embroidered, of gold, in the centre, lengthwise.



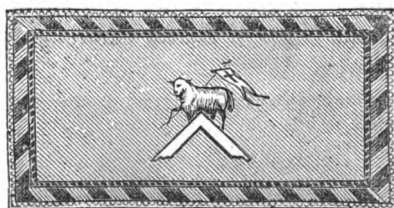
For all other Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment.—The same as the Grand Master, except for the Cross of Salem, the Patriarchal Cross, of gold, with the initials of the office respectively, embroidered, of silver (**Old English Characters**), at the foot of the cross, narrowwise of the strap.



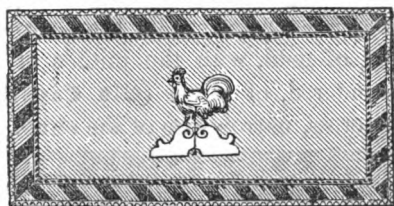
For the Officers and Past Grand Officers of a Grand Commandery.—Bright red silk velvet, two inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold, quarter of an inch wide; the Templar's Cross, of gold, with the initials of the office, respectively, to be embroidered (**Old English Characters**), in silver, on the lower end of the strap.



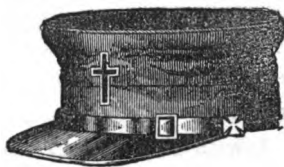
For the Commander and Past Commanders of a Subordinate Commandery.—Emerald green silk velvet, one and a half inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold, quarter of an inch wide; the Passion Cross, with a halo, embroidered, of silver, in the centre.



For the Generalissimo.—Same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross, the Square, surmounted with the Paschal Lamb.



For the Captain General.—Same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross, the Level, surmounted with the Cock.



CAP.—Navy form; black cloth, four to five inches high, narrow leather strap fastened at the sides with small metal Templar's Cross, and with appropriate cross in front.

DISTINCTIONS.—The Sir Knights will wear white metal, wherever metal appears. Commanders and Past Commanders, Grand and Past Grand Officers, gold.

CROSSES.—Sir Knights, Commanders and Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies will wear the Passion Cross; Grand and Past Grand Officers of State Commanderies, the Templar Cross; Grand and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment, the Patriarchal Cross; the Grand Master, and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment, the Cross of Salem, which is the Patriarchal Cross, with an additional bar in the centre.

The various crosses, as designated, to be worn on the side of the chapeau, and on the scabbard of the sword. Those on the chapeau to be three inches in height; on the sword, one inch.

HANGINGS FOR JEWELS.—The hangings of Grand and Subordinate Commanderies may remain as at present.

GRAND STANDARD.—Is of white woolen or silk stuff, six feet in height and five feet in width, made tripartite at the bottom, fastened at the top to the cross-bar by nine rings; in the centre of the field, a blood-red Passion Cross, over which is the motto, "*In hoc Signo Vincas;*" and under, "*Non nobis Domine! non Nobis, sed Nomini tuo da Gloriam!*" The cross to be four feet high, and the upright and bar to be seven inches wide. On the top of the staff, a gilded globe or ball, four inches in diameter, surmounted by the Patriarchal Cross, twelve inches in height. The cross to be crimson, edged with gold.

BEAUSEANT.—Of woolen or silk stuff, same form and dimensions as the Grand Standard, and suspended in the same manner. The upper half of this standard is black, the lower half white.

PRELATE'S ROBES.—A full white linen or muslin robe, open behind, reaching down within six inches of the feet, fastened

around the neck below the cravat, which should be white, and having flowing sleeves reaching to the middle of the hand. A white woolen cloak, lined with white, fastened around the neck, and extending down to the bottom of the robe; on the left front, a red velvet Templar Cross, six inches in width. A blue silk stole, reaching down in front to within six inches of the bottom of the robe, and having on it three Templar Crosses of red silk. Mitre of white merino, bordered with gold, lined with green, having the red Templar Cross extending to the edges, and surmounted by a Passion Cross three inches high. The special badge of his office is a Crozier.

The Report of the Committee was agreed to, and the uniform was adopted.

Sir Knight BAILEY presented the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be requested to have printed, for immediate distribution, a full description of the uniform, just adopted, with suitable wood-cut illustrations, for the more correct understanding of the several parts of the uniform.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

Sir Knight HUTCHINSON, from a Standing Committee, reported as follows :

The Committee on Dispensations and New Commanderies have examined the proceedings of Orleans Commandery, located at New Orleans, La., and find them correctly kept.

They would, therefore, recommend that a charter be issued to said Commandery.

The Committee have also taken into consideration the case of Oregon City Commandery, located at Oregon City, Clacka-

mas, county, Oregon, and would recommend that a charter be issued to said Commandery.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. L. HUTCHINSON,
JOHN CLARK,
ROBT. MACOY,
D. S. GOODLOE,
GAMALIEL WASHBURN.

The Report and Recommendations were adopted.

Sir WINSLOW LEWIS offered a Resolution, which was amended to read as follows :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be and are most warmly tendered to Sir John Q. Fellowes, of New Orleans, for his Knightly exertions in behalf of this Grand Body, and for his exemplary conduct as a Templar; also to Sir Charles Preston Crane, of said city, for similar Knightly exertions in behalf of this Grand Encampment.

Sir Knight MUNDY offered the following Resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That our V. E. Prelate, Sir Robert McMurdy, be requested to furnish a copy of his Prayer on the opening of this Grand Encampment, to the Grand Recorder, for publication with the proceedings of this Grand Body.

UNAUTHORIZED TEMPLAR DRILL PUBLICATIONS.

Sir Knight PIERSON offered the following Resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment of the U. S. A. has never, directly or indirectly, authorized the publication of any part of the work, drill, or ritual of Templar Masonry, and any such publication is hereby unequivocally condemned.

Sir SOLOMON D. BAYLESS submitted Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which the Committee had leave to withdraw.

The proposed amendment of the Constitution, fixing the day of election on Wednesday instead of Thursday, was withdrawn.

Sir ABNER B. THOMPSON gave notice that at 12 o'clock M. to-morrow he would move to amend the Constitution, so as to provide that a State Commandery cannot be deprived of its representation by four votes, if one representative be in attendance.

CIRCULAR OF GR. MASTER AND REPLY OF GR. COM. OF VA.

Sir THOMAS J. CORSON, from a Special Committee, reported as follows :

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to the issuing of his circular of April, 1861, in reference to the threatened approach of a civil war, and the answer returned thereto by Sir E. H. Gill, G. Commander of the G. Commandery of Virginia, beg leave to report:

In order that these matters may be fully understood, we here insert in this report the published documents directly relating to this subject, viz.:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR }
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH,

Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

TO ALL TRUE AND PATRIOTIC TEMPLAS :

Brotherly Love, Peace, Honor :

An awful fratricidal conflict seems to be impending. He alone who rules the destinies of Nations can prevent it. He works through human instruments. I implore every Templar

Knight on the Continent of America, after humbly seeking strength and aid from on High, to exert all the means at his command to avert the dread calamity, which to human vision, seems inevitable.

Let each Templar to whom this may come, remember how often we have stood at each other's side, and raised our voices in prayer for the prosperity of a common country and a common cause. Let all call to mind how the Knights of Virginia, mingling in fraternal brotherhood with those of Massachusetts, pledged themselves to each other, on Bunker Hill, only a few brief years ago; and when another year had passed away, the same noble bands stood together in the city of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, the birthplace of Washington, and with mutual vows bound their souls in an everlasting covenant! Let them remember these things, and with hearts on fire with love for each other and for their countrymen, go forth among those countrymen and implore the arbitrament of peace, instead of that of the sword.

I ask no one to surrender a principle that has become dear to his heart; but I ask every one to labor and to pray that such counsels may take place between the contending parties, who have so many years acted with a common impulse, as to restore harmony and kind feeling, and avoid the curse of having fraternal blood crying to Heaven from the ground and bringing down its maledictions on our children's children through all future time! Labor and pray that hostilities may be suspended until the mild counsels of peace can be appealed to, and that the appeal may not be in vain.

Casting aside every political feeling, every political aspiration, and asking every Templar to do the same, let us, as one man, unite in one grand effort to prevent the shedding of fraternal blood, and to inaugurate here that blessed result which our Lord and Master initiated: "Peace on earth and good will to men."

Templars! you count, in this land, by tens of thousands. Each one has his influence in the circle about him. Never, no never, was there an opportunity to exert that influence in a

more holy cause, or to a more sublime purpose. Forward, then, to the rescue of your country from fratricidal war!

But, if war must come—which dread calamity may God, in His infinite mercy, avert—then I call on every Knight Templar to perform that sacred duty, which so well becomes our Order, of binding up the wounds of the afflicted and comforting those who mourn.

Dated at the City of Washington, on this eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord 1861, and the year of our Order 743.

B. B. FRENCH, Grand Master.

JUSTICE.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF VIRGINIA, }
 Lynchburg, Va., April 27th, 1861. }

HON. B. B. FRENCH,

Grand Master Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States:

M. E. Sir Knight—Your circular of the 18th inst., relative to the “awful fratricidal conflict which seems to be impending” between the citizens of the North and the South, has been received; and as the people of the South are merely acting on the defensive in this conflict, those of the North regardless of that “Brotherly Love, Peace and Honor,” alluded to in your circular, having trampled upon their constitutional rights, and being now about to invade their soil, their homes and their fire-sides, and to desecrate their altars, I am at a loss to understand why you should send such a circular to the Knights Templar of Virginia.

Residing, as you do, at Washington, you cannot be ignorant of the fact, that Virginia has exhausted every honorable means to avert this conflict. “Casting aside every political feeling, every political aspiration,” she has plead to prevent the “shedding of fraternal blood;” she has plead for “Peace on earth and good will to men,” and she has plead that her constitutional rights, and those of her sister States of the South, should not be trampled upon; but her pleadings have been disregarded; and conscious of the justice of her cause,

she now appeals to the "God of Battles," confident that Heaven will smile approvingly upon her efforts in resisting unto the death this Cain-like and marauding attack of the Vandals of the North; and I thank God, that the valiant Knight Templars of Virginia unanimously participate in this feeling of resistance, and are prepared to welcome their invaders "with bloodstained hands to hospitable graves," designated by no "sprig of evergreen."

For the reasons stated, I now, as the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the State of Virginia, give you notice, that that body is no longer under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and will no longer regard or obey any orders or edicts emanating from it or its officers.

E. H. GILL, *Grand Master.*

WHEELING, 27th May, 1861.

HON. B. B. FRENCH, Grand Master K. T. U. S.:

Most Eminent Sir Knight—I have received from Eminent John Dove, Grand Recorder, a circular, containing your address to all "true and patriotic Templars," and the reply thereto by M. E. E. H. Gill, in which he gives you notice that "The Grand Commandery of Virginia is no longer under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and will no longer regard or obey any order or edict emanating from its officers."

Wheeling Commandery, of which I have the honor to hold the command, originally, as you know, obtained its charter from the Grand Encampment of the United States, under whose exclusive jurisdiction it remained for many years, until we were transferred to the Grand Commandery of Virginia, when that body became subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The Knights under my command are not disposed to acquiesce in the act of the M. E. Grand Commander, by which our connection with the Grand Encampment of the United States has been so unceremoniously dissolved; but, on the contrary,

they are anxious that our *original* relation to the Grand Encampment of the United States should be, as soon as practicable, re-established, so that we may be at once removed from the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Virginia.

I hope, therefore, to have the honor of receiving from you, at an early day, such suggestions as your superior judgment may dictate, to aid us in adopting a legal and constitutional course to arrive at this end.

Northwestern Virginia has given a large majority against the ordinance of secession, and the utmost enthusiasm for the Union prevails among the people throughout the whole region.

I have the honor to be fraternally yours,

W. J. BATES,

Com. of Wheeling Com'y, No. 1.

(REPLY.)

OFFICE OF THE G. M. OF K. T. OF THE U. S. OF AMERICA, }
City of Washington, June 18th, 1861.

W. J. BATES, Esq., E. Com. of Wheeling Com. No. 1, Wheeling, Va.:

Eminent Sir Knight and Brother:—The overwhelming calamity which has befallen me in the loss of a dearly beloved wife, who died on the 6th of May last, has almost driven from my mind everything of a business character.

To escape in some measure from my grief, I left this city soon after the sad event, on a visit to my relatives, and only returned on Saturday last.

Among many letters which came during my absence, no one has given me more pleasure than yours of the 27th May, inasmuch as it gives me knightly assurance of the loyalty of the Templars of Western Virginia, and is in striking contrast with the extraordinary missive of Grand Commander Gill, of April 27th.

I was not only astonished, but deeply grieved by the receipt of that Sir Knight's letter, in reply to my circular. Certainly nothing in my circular called for such an outbreak of passion, and expression of unchristian and unmasonic feeling. It

seemed to me as if, from some unaccountable reason, he went out of his way to endeavor to wound my feelings. Could he have known the workings of my heart, when, at the hour of midnight, at the side of a death-bed, I wrote that circular, he would, if there remained any human feeling in his bosom, hardly have written to me in any other tone than that of a high-minded and honorable Templar.

The spirit of pure good will and heartfelt kindness toward all my fellow-citizens, *everywhere*, and most especially to my brother Templars, was upon me, and I wrote as I felt. Not one drop of blood had then, to my knowledge, been shed in the unnatural contest so unnecessarily initiated by South Carolina, and deeming it a solemn duty to use every effort in my power to prevent the impending conflict, I wrote and issued that circular.

I have never before, in any way, noticed Grand Commander Gill's letter. I could not reply in the hostile and uncharitable spirit which characterized it, and the heart that would not appreciate more correctly the sentiments of my circular, could not be touched by anything proper to be written by the Grand Master of Knights Templar. I would not now allude to it, were it not *officially* necessary in replying to your letter.

I have received no official notice that the Grand Commandery of Virginia has withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States; for I by no means recognize the authority of *any* Grand Commander, without the formal direction of the Grand Commandery over which he presides, to withdraw the allegiance which that Grand Commandery has long acknowledged. It will be time enough for me to act, when those who placed Sir Knight Gill in the position that he occupies, see fit to vote that the Grand Commandery of Virginia will *secede* from the Grand Encampment of the United States. When that is done I shall act promptly.

Should the Grand Commandery of Virginia ratify the hasty and undignified conduct of its Grand Commander, as a matter of course Wheeling Commandery No. 1, and all others who choose to dissent from such secession, will be cordially recog-

nized as loyal to the Grand Encampment of the United States, and stand enrolled beneath its banners, and all Sir Knights, belonging thereto, be recognized as Valiant, Magnanimous and Honorable Templars.

I pray God that, in any event that may happen during the awful contest now spreading sorrow and mourning over what seemed so recently God's favorite land, that I may not forget *that* "Charity which suffereth long and is kind; is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in truth;" and which so well becomes every Free and Accepted Mason, and every Templar Knight.

With fraternal regards to the true and loyal Knights of your command, I subscribe myself,

B. B. FRENCH,
G. M. of K. T. of the U. S. of A.

That they have carefully examined these documents, and that the circular of our G. Master, couched as it was in gentle and courteous language, alike creditable to the head and heart of the writer, deserves the approbation and hearty approval of every true Knight Templar.

That the circular letter of Sir E. H. Gill, in answer to the letter of our G. Master, is unworthy of a Mason or Knight Templar.

The sentiments expressed therein are such as would be expected in a savage, but not in one pretending to be a gentleman and christian Mason. By his vindictive and discourteous language he has shown himself to be deficient in those gentle qualities of mind and heart which make the true Mason, and by his unwarrantable assumption of power which does not belong to his official position, as well as his utter disregard for his sacred obligations, he has proved himself a recreant and forsworn Knight, who is unworthy the esteem and confidence of all true and magnanimous Knights Templar.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That this G. Encampment fully endorse the patriotic and christian sentiments contained in the aforesaid circular of our G. Master, believing that the christian charity and Knightly courtesy therein dis-

played, truly reflect the feelings of all who are actuated by the pure principles of christian Knighthood.

Resolved, That this G. Encampment condemn in the strongest manner possible, the unknightly, discourteous, ungentlemanly and unmasonic letter of Sir E. H. Gill to our G. Master, and declares that for this act of masonic rebellion to lawful authority, the aforesaid Sir E. H. Gill deserves the most severe censure and condemnation of this G. Body.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. J. CORSON,

ROBT. McMURDY,

E. L. STEVENS,

Committee.

The Report was agreed to and the Resolutions adopted.

Sir ROBERT McMURDY, V. E. Grand Prelate, offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of three Sir Knights be appointed to prepare and present a suitable *devotional service* for the Grand Encampment of the United States, which the Committee shall report on the first day of the next triennial meeting of this Grand Encampment.

Which was adopted.

M. Em. Grand Master announced appointment of said Committee, viz. :

Sir Robert McMurdy, of Virginia.

Sir Edmund H. Turner, of Pennsylvania.

Sir Pearson Mundy, of New York.

The Grand Encampment took a recess until 4 o'clock P. M.

Second Day---Afternoon Session.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 3d—4 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Encampment resumed business—
M. Em. Grand Master FRENCH presiding.

Sir Knight HUBBARD, from a Standing Committee, reported as follows :

The Committee on Finance beg leave herewith to make a further Report, and offer for adoption the following Resolution, to wit :

Resolved, That there be paid to the officers of this Grand Encampment the sums affixed to their respective names, for expenses in attending this Grand Encampment, and for services where so designated :

M. E. B. B. French, G. M., expenses and services	\$100	D. C.
R. E. D. S. Goodloe, D. G. M.....	75	Kentucky.
“ Winslow Lewis, G. Genl.....	30	Boston.
R. E. A. T. C. Pierson, G. J. W.....	90	St. Paul.
“ Jno. D. Caldwell, Gr. Rec., ex. and services	200	Cincinnati.
“ A. B. Thompson, Gr. St. B.....	40	Maine.
“ Jas. Stirrat, Gr. Sw. B.	25	Baltimore.
“ E. L. Stevens, Gr. Warder.....	25	D. C.
“ R. McMurdy, Gr. Prelate	25	Alexandria.
Sir G. Dowding, Gr. Capt. of Guard, services	15	New York.

\$625

W. B. HUBBARD,
CLINTON F. PAIGE,
C. PRESTON CRANE,
JAMES STIRRAT.

Sir Knight CORSON, from a Standing Committee, reported as follows :

The Committee on the doings of the Grand Officers beg leave to present the following additional report :

In regard to the difference in titles of officers and grand bodies of Knights Templar that prevails in some States of

our Union, we consider that it is inexpedient to recommend any action thereupon at this time. Your Committee hope and believe that these difficulties will ere long be removed, and that the nomenclature of officers and grand bodies will be uniform throughout our country.

In examining the very voluminous correspondence of the G. Master, we have been pleased with the courtesy and promptness with which this arduous labor has been performed, and we are satisfied that the harmony and good feeling that now exist in Templar Masonry are greatly due to the care and attention that have been given by our G. Master to the performance of his official duties. For all of which he is eminently entitled to the thanks of this Grand Body.

KENT JARVIS,
E. L. STEVENS,
THOS. J. CORSON,
E. C. BAILEY,
MOSES DODGE,

Committee.

Which was unanimously adopted.

TEMPLAR DRILL AND TACTICS.

Sir Knight STEVENS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chairman on Tactics and Drill be requested to communicate the work, as prepared by him, to the M. E. Grand Master, who, if he approve thereof, shall promulgate the same as the work of Templar Masonry.

Which was adopted.

"IN MEMORIAM."

Sir Knight WINSLOW LEWIS, from a Special Committee, submitted the following Report, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. E. Grand Master which referred to, and

paid a just tribute to the honored dead, who have passed, as we humbly trust, to a blessed immortality, respectfully report as follows:

Resolved, That by the death of the venerable, ever respected, and beloved Sir Knights Dunlap, Gilman, and Tucker, Templarism has lost three of her most truly eminent and firmest supporters, society her brightest ornaments, and Christianity her truest followers.

Resolved, That the earlier departure from earth to brighter skies of our younger associates, Sir Knights Risk, Barker, Hunt, and Paul, has left a melancholy void in the number of those who fondly hoped to have long enjoyed their society in the upward and onward career of this fraternal and knightly association.

Resolved, That the virtues which eminently characterized our aged Fraters through so long a career of honor and respect, and the activity and excellence which their younger aspirants evinced in what of life was allotted them, shall but stimulate us who remain, so to act here, that, whether gathered in the sere and yellow leaf of life, or cut off in the maturity of manhood, we may leave that call for the tribute of our survivors which this Body now so justly pay to those now garnered in heaven.

WINSLOW LEWIS,
W. B. HUBBARD,
A. B. THOMPSON.

Sir Knight JARVIS presented the following:

Resolved, That, for the purpose of securing a more perfect intercourse between the several bodies of Knights Templar, the V. E. Grand Recorder is requested to communicate to the several Grand Commanderies and subordinates of this Grand Encampment a list of the presiding or other proper officers who may be addressed for that purpose.

Which was adopted.

Sir Knight CORSON offered resolutions, as follows, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be authorized to have printed 1,200 copies of the Proceedings of the present meeting of the Grand Encampment, cause suitable distribution of a portion thereof, and draw upon the Grand Treasurer for necessary expenses herein.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder have prepared such blanks and forms as may be necessary in the performance of his official business.

On motion of Sir Knight JARVIS, the Grand Recorder was instructed to correspond with Templar Bodies under this jurisdiction, with a view to general disposal of the stock of Republished Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of the United States. (This work contains over 370 pages, and is a reprint of printed proceedings from the organization of the General Grand Encampment of the United States at New York in 1816. Price \$1 50.)

The Grand Encampment closed until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

B. B. FRENCH, *G. M.*

Attest:

JOHN D. CALDWELL, *Grand Recorder.*

Third Day---Morning Session.

THURSDAY, Sept. 4th—10 o'clock A. M.

Grand Encampment met and resumed business, M. E. Grand Master presiding.

The Journal was read, approved, and signed.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The ballots were distributed and collected, when the following choice of officers was declared as the

result of the Triennial Election of Grand Officers for 1862-'65 :

Sir BENJAMIN B. FRENCH, Washington, D. C.....Grand Master.
 Sir DAVID SHORT GOODLOE, Lexington, Ky.....Deputy Grand Master.
 Sir ZENAS C. PRIEST, Utica, N. Y.....Grand Generalissimo.
 Sir AZARIAH T. C. PIERSON, St. Paul, Minn.....Grand Captain General.
 Sir WILLIAM E. SANFORD, New Haven, Conn.....Grand Senior Warden.
 Sir SOLOMON D. BAYLESS, Fort Wayne, Ind.....Grand Junior Warden.
 Sir JOHN W. SIMONS, New York City.....Grand Treasurer.
 Sir JOHN D. CALDWELL, Cincinnati, O.....Grand Recorder.
 Sir JOHN Q. A. FELLOWES, New Orleans, La.....Grand Standard Bearer.
 Sir JAMES STIRRATT, Baltimore, Md.....Grand Sword Bearer.
 Sir JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON, Philadelphia, Pa.....Grand Warder.

The ceremonies of installation of Grand Master elect were conducted by Sir William B. Hubbard, M. E. Past G. M.

Sir Benjamin B. French, M. E. Grand Master, installed the other officers elect who were present.

Sir Knight Fellowes is to be installed in some Em. Commandery in New Orleans, Sir Knight Hutchinson in a Commandery in Pennsylvania. Certificate of acceptance and of installation to be forwarded to the Grand Recorder.

Sir JOHN W. SIMONS, from Standing Committee to determine the time and place for the next Triennial meeting of this Grand Encampment, reported unanimously for the Committee, that they have selected and recommend the city of Columbus, Ohio, on the 1st Tuesday in September, A. D. 1865.

The recommendation was unanimously agreed to, and the Report of the Committee adopted.

Sir Knight MUNDY reported from the Standing Committee on Grievance, that no matter of grievance had been referred to them for their action.

Their Report was agreed to.

THANKS TO SIR KNIGHTS OF NEW YORK.

Sir Knight STEVENS offered the following Resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the warm thanks of this Grand Encampment be, and they are hereby given to the officers and members of the Grand Commandery of New York, for their kindness and courtesy, extended to the officers and members of this Grand Body, and for their brotherly welcome, with which they have greeted us.

Sir Knight ELLISON, from Select Committee on Work of Knights of Malta, reported, recommending, viz. :

That it be enjoined upon all State Grand Bodies, and Subordinate Commanderies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body, to use the Ritual, a copy of which is in possession of the M. Em. Grand Master, being the same which is in use in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, and that in conferring the Order (of Knight of Malta) it should be made as much a separate ceremonial as is observed in conferring the other Orders of Knighthood.

The Report was agreed to, and the recommendation adopted.

Sir WINSLOW LEWIS, of Mass., gave notice that, on the first day of the session of 1865, he should move so to amend the Constitution, that the first four Grand Officers shall not be eligible to their respective offices but three years.

Sir Knight PAIGE, of N. Y., moved that the Grand Recorder be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for two hundred dollars, to meet contingent expenses of the Secretariat during the recess of the Grand Encampment. Which was adopted.

Ninety days' time, from the close of the Grand Encampment, was allowed to immediate Subordinates not making returns, to lodge their reports and dues with Grand Recorder.

On motion of Sir Knight PIERSON, the Grand Treasurer was authorized to pay a reasonable amount to meet the expense of holding this Grand Encampment in Corinthian Hall.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, was then closed in ample Form until the First Tuesday of September, 1865, being the — day of said month; then to assemble in the city of Columbus, State of Ohio.

BENJ. B. FRENCH, G. M.

ATTEST:

John D. Caldwell

GRAND RECORDER.



APPENDIX.

AN ADDRESS

DELIVERED BEFORE THE

Boston Encampment of Knights Templar,

AT AN OFFICIAL VISIT MADE BY THE

Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar

OF THE UNITED STATES,

SIR B. B. FRENCH,

ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 10, 1860.

EMINENT SIR AND SIR KNIGHTS:

On Friday last it was my intention to be in the City of Washington at this time. On the evening of that day I made an official visit to St. Bernard Encampment,* assembled here there were present a number of the Knights from the sister Encampments of Boston, and it gives me great pleasure to say that the reception given me, and the kind and courteous attentions I received on that occasion, will ever be remembered; and I now bear testimony, as I did then, to the ability and efficiency of that Encampment, in the performance of the duties which devolve on all true Templar Knights.

After the close of St. Bernard Encampment, on that evening, I received from many of the Sir Knights of the other Encampments there present, a warm and pressing invitation

* I use the term "Encampment" (although the G. Constitution changes it to "Commandery") for the reason that the Constitution of the "G. Encampment" (Commandery) of Mass. and R. I. has not been conformed to the G. Constitution, and "Encampment" *under that*, is the legitimate name.

to remain in Boston until this evening, for the purpose of being present at this meeting. At first I declined the invitation. It seemed to me that, after so long an absence from my home, and having made all my preparations to leave, I could not possibly remain.

It was urged upon me that by remaining, and explaining to the Templars who might be present here the exact position of the relations between the Grand Encampment of the United States and that of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, I might be doing something toward harmonizing the different views of individual Knights, which might lead to a unanimity of opinion in this Grand Jurisdiction in favor of the course pursued by the General Grand Encampment in the changes made in their Grand Constitution at Hartford, in 1856, by which the nomenclature of Templar bodies and their officers throughout the Grand Jurisdiction of the United States was materially changed.

There is no one thing so near my heart, aside from the affections of my own hearth and home, as that of inducing harmony and kind feeling between all Encampments, all Commanderies, and all Knights Templar. It is my wish and my prayer that the Templars of this age may stand—as those of old did on the plains of Palestine, under our first Grand Master, the brave de Payens—a mighty host, actuated by one will and one object: the eventual happiness of all mankind, under the mild reign of Him whom we characterize with deep reverence and holy awe, “The Great Captain of our Salvation,” whose sacred resting-place on earth, while suffering for fallen humanity, those ancient fraters sought to redeem from the hands of the infidel with a courage, bravery, and unanimity that know no parallel in the history of the past, and whose example there, should ever be to us an incentive to urge us forward to the performance of those duties of Christian charity and benevolence, which have been so strongly urged and so deeply impressed on every one of us, and which, without being recreant to our most solemn vows, we cannot omit! To do this effectually, we should be actuated by one mind and one soul: harmony should prevail

everywhere, and brotherly affection should form the grand keystone of the Royal Arch under which we so often hold sweet counsel together.

Impressed with the belief that by remaining here, and using all my endeavors to promote the harmony which I deem so necessary, I came to regard my stay among you as a *duty* of my official position; and when it comes to that, all argument as to what *should be done* is at an end, for, were I to adopt a motto to inscribe beneath my knightly crest, it should be "*Super omnia Religio*"—"Duty before everything."

And so, Sir Knights and Brethren, I am here to-night, and although it is in the performance of a duty, nevertheless, I assure you there is mingled with that duty a sincere and heartfelt pleasure.

So important do I deem it to state everything I may say clearly and explicitly, that I have departed from my usual course of extemporaneous speaking on occasions of this kind, and have written out what I shall say.

That we may all understand ourselves exactly, I will give as concise an account as I can of the formation and proceedings of the General Grand Encampment of the United States, now "The Grand Encampment of the United States."

On the 21st day of June, 1816, a Convention of Knights Templar, or, as they denominated it, "Knights Companions," assembled at Masons' Hall, in the city of New York, for the purpose of forming a "General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States."

The first named Encampment on the list of those represented there, is "Boston Encampment."

A Constitution was then and there formed and adopted, which specified in what manner State Grand Encampments should be formed, and how they should be constituted; and as no State Grand Encampment then existed,* the inference

* Since this address was delivered, I have consulted the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of New York, and find that that Grand Body was formed on the 18th of June, 1814, by "The Sov. G. Consistory of the Chiefs of Exalted Masonry." And that formation has always been recognized since. This fact only adds force to my argument, for, if an in-

is irresistible that all State Grand Encampments, since formed, under that G. G. Constitution, were bound in knightly honor to conform to its provisions, and also to the provisions of any amended Constitution that might thereafter be legitimately adopted; that Constitution containing a clause authorizing a revision or amendment of it by the G. G. Encampment, *at any time*; and that clause having been continued in every revised or amended Constitution since, we are all, at this moment, bound to comply with the existing Constitution of the Grand Encampment.

At that first meeting, De Witt Clinton (a name ever dear to Templar Masonry) was elected General Grand Master; Thomas Smith Webb, of Boston, Deputy G. G. Master; Henry Fowle, of Boston, G. G. Generalissimo; Paul Dean, of Boston, G. G. Prelate; John J. Loring, of Boston, G. G. Recorder.

I mention these names, as evidence that the honored fathers of Templar Masonry here, then represented your venerable Encampment, and were deservedly deemed entitled to the highest honors that could be bestowed upon them by their brethren.

At the second meeting of that G. G. Body, in September, 1819, two Grand Encampments were represented, viz: that of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and that of New York. Massachusetts and Rhode Island was represented by Henry Fowle, Wm. Wilkinson, and Peter Grinnell. Sir Knights Dean and Loring were there in their official capacities as G. officers.

From that time down, the meetings of the G. G. and G. Encampment of the United States have been regularly held; and, at every one of them, *there was* the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, fully and honorably represented, not only by itself, but *always* by more or less of the regular G. Grand officers of the G. G. Body. The names of those illustrious Templars—many of them, thank Heaven, still among us—Webb, Fowle, Dean, Loring, Carlisle, Snow, Grinnell, Moore, Raymond, Robinson, Field and Lewis,

dependent Grand Body has conformed, how much more ought a Body formed under the G. G. Encampment to do so!

can attest to the latter branch of my statement; while the former is substantiated by the no less illustrious names of Wilkinson, Whitaker, Lash, Amee, Power, Flint, Ruel Baker, Hammatt, Hutchinson, Bradford, Robins, McClellan, Salsbury, Barker and Doyle.

Yes, my respected Fraters, from the time of the first organization of the G. G. Encampment to this day—through all the gloom of our dark age of Freemasonry—Massachusetts and Rhode Island have stood true and faithful: Knights ever ready to come boldly forth and avow their Faith and their Hope and their Charity to all the world, have been found, and have gloried in making public, in a G. G. Body bounded by Christendom alone, their unshaken belief in the principles acknowledged and avowed by our valiant, magnanimous, and Christian Order!

Constitutions were made, modified, and amended, and these fathers and brothers of you whom I see here about me, were foremost among the workers who thus wrought, as they believed, for the general good of Knight Templarism; and, up to the last modification of the Constitution, none were more ready to announce their adhesion than the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Loyal *at* the beginning, and loyal *from* the beginning—with a slight change, I may quote from the poet:

“They have been true through *all* the past,
And will not alter now!”

At the triennial meeting of 1853, at Lexington, after considering the propriety of adopting several proposed amendments to the Constitution, the whole subject was referred to the Committee on the Doings of the G. G. officers; and they reported a resolution providing that a Committee on Amendments to the Constitution should be appointed, with instructions to inquire into the propriety of changing any of the prefixes used in the titles of the G. G. officers. Which resolution being adopted, Sir Albert G. Mackey moved an order, “That a committee of five Sir Knights be appointed on said resolution, of which the G. Grand Master shall be Chairman,”

&c. Said committee was authorized to sit during the recess, and to report at the next session not only *amendments*, but "such changes in the organization as will make the Order in this country conform more completely to the system of Ancient Knights Templar."

That committee consisted of Sir W. B. Hubbard, Sir Charles Gilman, Sir Charles W. Moore, Sir Wm. T. Gould and Sir Albert G. Mackey—as able a committee, probably, as could well be selected.

It is due to myself, perhaps, to say here, that, although not upon the committee, the M. E. G. G. Master did me the honor to request from me such propositions of amendment as might be deemed by me proper; and, in compliance with that request, and sincerely desiring to give all the aid I could to so important an undertaking, I submitted to him a complete draft of a Constitution such as met my views; and I may as well add here, that, according to my present recollection, the committee did not adopt a single change which I recommended. This I say, as evidence to you how ready I have been to comply with the decisions of the G. G. Encampment, although differing in many material respects from my own views, and also to convince you that my earnestness now—for I am very, very earnest, I assure you—is not on account of my conviction that our Grand Constitution is the best that we can have, but because it is the one legitimately formed and promulgated, and which we are solemnly bound to "support and maintain."

To return to the statement I was making: The committee thus appointed sat during the recess, and among the very first business that was transacted at the next triennial meeting at Hartford, in 1856, was a verbal report from the M. E. G. G. Master, stating that the Committee on Revision of the Constitution had that subject under consideration, that Sir Robert Morris had aided them very much, and suggesting that the committee would be gratified to have him added to it. And on motion of Sir Knight Gilman, one of the committee, he was added.

On the afternoon of the same day Sir Knight Morris reported a Constitution in an amended form, *which was read at*

length, was ordered to be printed, and made a special order for the Thursday following.

The Constitution *was* printed, and placed in the hands of every member of the General Grand Encampment.

On Thursday it was taken up, and considered section by section; its consideration was continued day after day (it being occasionally laid aside for the transaction of other business) until Monday, when, after several amendments, and a full discussion of its merits, it was *unanimously* adopted.

To show that there must have been, at the time of its adoption, a very full representation present, I will state that a very short time before the final vote, a vote was taken by yeas and nays on an amendment, resulting in forty ayes to twenty-five noes. The Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island voting four votes.

The Constitution thus adopted by the G. G. Encampment of the United States (the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island forming a constituent portion thereof, and acting throughout) was at once printed and sent forth over the whole Union. Every State Grand Body, except your own and that of Ohio, has conformed to its provisions; and it is among the fondest hopes of my heart that those Grand Bodies, which hold their annual sessions this month, will prove their continued loyalty to the Grand Encampment of the United States, by conforming their own Grand Constitutions to the existing Constitution of that Most Eminent Grand Body.

The Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is the only Grand Body that has declined, by a solemn vote, to conform. I can hardly believe that every Sir Knight who voted on that occasion was exactly aware of the changes that were made in substituting the new Constitution for the old.

I will briefly state them from recollection.

The new Constitution changes the designation of the *General Grand Encampment of the U. S.*, to the "Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. of A." It removes the prefix of *General* from the titles of all the officers, making them simply "Grand Officers." It graduates the distinctions

throughout as "Most Eminent," "Right Eminent," "Very Eminent," and "Eminent."

It changes the designation of *State Grand Encampments* to "State Grand Commanderies;" and charges the title of the presiding officer of a State Grand Body from *Grand Master* to "Grand Commander," so that, as in ancient times, there can be but one Grand Master. It changes the designation of all subordinate *Encampments* to "Commanderies;" and, instead of the title *M. E. Grand Commander*, it gives to the presiding officer that of "Eminent Commander."

These are the changes of names and titles, which, as it seems to me, cannot be deemed of sufficient importance to justify the severance of any State Grand Body from the National Grand Body, whose jurisdiction it has so long acknowledged.

The new Constitution has not clothed the Grand Encampment of the U. S. with any power that it did not previously possess.

It has left with the State Grand Commanderies *all* the power possessed by them—which is sovereign power over their own subordinates, except upon appeal to the G. E. or its G. Master—and also with the exception that they are bound to comply with the Constitution of the Grand Encampment and the edicts of its Grand Master.

It has made the Grand Master of Knights Templar of the U. S. the only official executive organ of the Grand Encampment during a recess, instead of dividing the executive duty into several parcels, and thereby confusing it, so that it has heretofore been very difficult to ascertain exactly what had been done.

It has defined specifically the duties of all officers, which every Knight Templar must regard as a great improvement upon the old Constitutions, from which no officer could ascertain definitely what was required of him.

I have stated these changes from recollection, not having the time to go into an analysis of the two Constitutions.

If I have not stated *all* the changes, I have all the important ones; and surely, if there should be found any provisions

in the new Constitution not agreeable to the Grand Encampment when assembled, the power to amend is contained in the document itself.

I am aware that I am now addressing a Subordinate Encampment, under a Grand Jurisdiction, but one forming a constituent portion of that Grand Jurisdiction, and whose officers have a voice in its Grand Body. Your own Grand Master is here present, and I know, too, that there are other Sir Knights present who can aid by their advice, if not by their votes, in establishing harmony between the National and State Grand Bodies.

I beg you all to understand that I came not here to dictate, but to endeavor to state plainly the exact position of matters, and to express an ardent hope that, when all is thoroughly understood, harmony and kind feeling may prevail.

I ought, perhaps, to allude to the change made at the *last* meeting of the Grand Encampment, at Chicago, in the Templar Uniform. There are many, I know, who believe that change to be a portion of the Constitution. It is not; and by a resolution attached to the order establishing the uniform, it is made optional with any Commandery, organized prior to that order, to retain their old uniform, or adopt the new; so that nothing contained in that order should operate to produce any difficulty in our ranks anywhere.

I have thus sketched, as briefly as possible, the prominent points of difference, which all should clearly understand.

Sir Knights:—In form, ours is a military organization, a form of government which recognizes no rule of action, but disciplined obedience to the will of the superior. The swords of our founders were buckled on for the subjugation of the Paynim, but, at the same time, for the protection of defenceless innocence and the championship of the Cross. And so true were those Knights of old to their vows, that "Chivalry" has become the representative word in our language for high and noble purposes, adorned with the graces of Christianity, though enforced with the temper of steel.

The wars of the cross and the crescent are at an end, but is the office of knighthood finished? Has the hour come to hang

our trophies and our banners over the graves of the Crusaders, and to suffer our swords to rust? No! for the sword of the Templar is a spiritual weapon; well doth it represent "Justice, Fortitude, and Mercy;"—and is the Knight of the nineteenth century not to be armed against the Saracen-vices which way-lay all of us on our pilgrimage to our Master's shrine? Is not innocence still down-trodden by social tyranny; and is there not helplessness enough all about us to demand the protection, often of the spiritual blade of Justice and Fortitude?

But the immediate need of military discipline, that vital law of existence in a military organization which can know and tolerate no exception to its decrees, *has* passed away, because we are no longer fighting in the face of a foe where our strength lies in our being united, except for brotherly counsel, sympathy, and advice.

Individual views of right conduct are not to be repressed, but encouraged, and we will all be humble enough to learn from the humblest, if he prove himself a teacher.

The will of the Commander, in his own Commandery, is subordinate to wisdom; the same test tries the validity of the decrees of the State Grand Bodies, and also of the Grand Encampment of the United States, which it is my greatest honor to represent, and whose dignity and authority I must maintain as its representative, however little dignity and authority my own character may command or preserve.

But this indulgence to subordinates should be gratefully reciprocated by a desire and determination to acquiesce respectfully in the decrees of the superior. If there be a conflict of opinion, we must believe it honest; and for the sake of uniformity it is better that the body with the broadest jurisdiction should be deferred to. It is better for the order that my brethren of Boston Encampment and De Molay Encampment should be at one, though they yield their own view of the better course by means of the wise decrees of the G. Body which they acknowledge *their* superior.

Your State Grand Encampment is composed of your oldest and best Knights; the men of longest service and deepest interest in the Order; in the end *they* will be right rather than

individual Templars. In such an honest conflict of opinion, by deferring to such authority there is no loss of dignity, as you submit to a tribunal, impartial, honorable, just occupying a position of superiority, because you yourselves have placed it there! So, one step beyond, stands the Grand Encampment of the United States. My brethren of Texas and of Maine, of California and of Virginia, may, if they conflict, without loss of dignity, yet find a rule of uniformity in that most honorable and knightly conclave, of which they themselves are a constituent portion, and where they help to rule.

When all admit this, as it seems to me all must, then shall our several bodies rule as they should; not by temper, but by dignity, justice, and honor; or as has been beautifully said of the civil jurisprudence of Rome, these several shall rule, "*Non ratione imperii, sed imperio rationis*"—not by reason of discipline, but by the discipline of reason.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
FOR THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
With latest Amendment, at Meeting in New York City, 1862.

ARTICLE FIRST.

OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

SECTION 1.—HOW CONSTITUTED.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, is constituted as follows:

- I. The Grand Master.
- II. The Deputy Grand Master.
- III. The Grand Generalissimo.
- IV. The Grand Captain General.
- V. The Grand Prelate.
- VI. The Grand Senior Warden.
- VII. The Grand Junior Warden.
- VIII. The Grand Treasurer.
- IX. The Grand Recorder.
- X. The Grand Standard Bearer.
- XI. The Grand Sword Bearer.
- XII. The Grand Warder.
- XIII. The Grand Captain of the Guard.

LIKEWISE.

- XIV. All Past Grand Masters.
- XV. All Past Deputy Grand Masters.
- XVI. All Past Grand Generalissimos, and
- XVII. All Past Grand Captains General of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

LIKEWISE.

- XVIII. All Grand Commanders.
- XIX. All Past Grand Commanders.
- XX. All Deputy Grand Commanders.
- XXI. All Grand Generalissimos, and
- XXII. All Grand Captains General of each State Grand Commandery that acknowledges the jurisdiction of the United States Grand Encampment.

Each of the individuals above enumerated shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in all the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

LIKEWISE.

- XIII. The first three officers of each Commandery that holds its charter immediately from the Grand Encampment of the United States.

These, or as many of them as may be present at any meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States, shall be entitled collectively to one vote.

All officers of the late General Grand Encampment shall rank and have all the privileges of members of equal rank as provided for herein.

No person shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Encampment of the United States, unless he shall be at the time a member of some Subordinate Commandery under the general or immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

SECTION 2.—PROXIES.

The first four officers named in Section 1, of this Article; likewise the first four officers of all State Grand Commander-

ies; likewise the first three officers of all Subordinate Chartered Commanderies held under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, may appear and vote *by proxy*; said proxies being at the time of service members of Subordinate Commanderies, and producing properly authenticated certificates of their appointment.

SECTION 3.—TITLES.

The title and designation of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, is *Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar*; that of the Deputy Grand Master, *Right Eminent*; of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment, *Very Eminent*.

SECTION 4.—MEETINGS.

The stated meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States shall occur triennially, at such time and place as may have been previously designated by the Standing Committee (see Art. IV, Sec. 4, Rule 4), and approved by the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Special meetings may be called by the Most Eminent Grand Master at his discretion. And it shall be his duty, upon the requisition of the majority of the State Grand Commanderies, to him directed in writing, to call special meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

At the stated meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States, there shall be reviewed and considered all the official reports of its officers, and of the State Grand and Subordinate Commanderies, for the preceding three years; they shall proceed to elect by ballot the several officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States, save and except the Prelate and Captain of the Guards, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the opening of the triennial sessions (see Art. I, Sec. 5); to adopt such rules and edicts as may be necessary for the good of the Order; to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder; to supervise the

state and condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be necessary to increase, secure and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safe keeping and paying over the funds and property of the Grand Encampment; to grant or withhold warrants, dispensations and charters for all new State or Subordinate Commanderies (see Art. II, Sec. 1, and Art. III, Sec. 1); for good cause to revoke pre-existing warrants, charters or dispensations; to assign the limits of the State Grand Commanderies, and settle all controversies that may arise between them; and finally, to consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being and perpetuation of the principles of Templar Masonry.

No business shall be transacted at the called meetings, save that which was specified in the original summons.

At every meeting, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he has the casting vote. This Grand Encampment being a legislative body, acknowledging no superior, admits an appeal to be taken by any member from the decision of the chair on any question under consideration therein: Provided, however, that such appeal shall not be maintained unless two-thirds of all the members present shall vote therefor. That right is adopted for this Grand Encampment alone, and is not to be construed as establishing a precedent for the guidance of any other Masonic Body.

SECTION 5.—DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

1. *The Grand Master.*

It is the prerogative and duty of the Grand Master, generally to exercise, as occasion may require, all the rights appertaining to his high office, in accordance with the usages of Templar Masonry. And as a part thereof, he shall have a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies, State and Subordinate, in the United States, and see that all the constitutional enactments, rules and edicts of the Grand Encamp-

ment are duly and promptly observed, and that the dress, work and discipline of Templar Masonry everywhere are uniform.

Among his special duties and prerogatives are the following:

To appoint the Prelate and Captain of the Guard, at the triennial meetings of the Grand Encampment. (See Art. 1, Sec. 4.)

To call special meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States. (Art. 1, Sec. 4.)

To visit and preside at any Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, in the United States, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Institution may require, always adhering to the Ancient Landmarks.

To cause to be executed, and securely to preserve and keep, the official bonds and securities of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. (See Art. IV, Sec. 3.)

To grant Letters of Dispensation during the recess of the Grand Encampment, for the institution of new Commanderies (see Art. III, Sec. 1), such Dispensations to be in force no longer than the next triennial meeting of that body, and promptly to notify the Grand Recorder of the issuing of said Letters of Dispensation.

To approve and grant Warrants during the recess of the Grand Encampment for the institution of State Grand Commanderies in States, Districts, or Territories, where the same have not been heretofore established. (See Art. II, Sec. 1.)

To manage and control the contingent fund. (See Art. IV, Sec. 1.)

2. The Deputy Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Master, in the event of the death, removal, or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Master. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Encampment or the Grand Master.

3. The Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General.

In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General shall severally act as

Grand Master, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Encampment, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

4. *The Grand Treasurer.*

The Grand Treasurer, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Encampment, shall invest from time to time all such moneys as may come to his hands, belonging to the Grand Encampment, over and above the sum of three hundred dollars, in such way as he may judge most to the interest of the Grand Encampment, but subject to call on thirty days' notice. And the same shall be at his command on the first day of September preceding the triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment. He shall render to the Grand Encampment, at its triennial meetings, a true and perfect account of his doings in this respect, together with an account of all moneys received, the earnings thereon accrued from investments, and the amounts disbursed by him during the vacation; likewise a copy of the same to the Grand Master, by the first day of September preceding the triennial meeting, to the end that the Grand Master may make such suggestions on account thereof as he may deem necessary.

He shall pay all drafts drawn upon the contingent fund by the Grand Master. (See Art. IV, Sec. 1.)

He shall carefully preserve, and render from time to time as ordered, an inventory of all property belonging to the Grand Encampment intrusted to his keeping.

5. *The Grand Recorder.*

The Grand Recorder shall collect and receive all the revenues of the Grand Encampment, and pay over the amount to the Grand Treasurer whenever it reaches the sum of one hundred dollars. He shall render annually to the Grand Master and to the Grand Treasurer copies of his accounts of all moneys received and expended by him—naming the sources from which they were received—bringing up said accounts to the first day of September; likewise to the Grand Encampment,

triennially, a general account of the same. He shall forward to each newly constituted Commandery, immediately upon receiving official notice that a Dispensation has issued, a copy of this Constitution, together with whatever rules and edicts are in force.

He shall report to the Grand Encampment, on the second day of each triennial meeting, the names of those Commanderies, working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, which have not complied with the requisition (see Art. III, Sec. 4) to furnish him with its full triennial historical and financial returns for the use of the Grand Encampment.

He shall report annually, on the first day of September, to the Grand Master, the names of those Commanderies, working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, which have not complied with the requisition (see Art. III, Sec. 4) to furnish him with its full annual historical and financial returns for the use of the Grand Master.

He shall open and keep a "Book of Templar Masonry," in which shall be entered, in appropriate columns, the following subjects:

A.—A Register of Commanderies, to contain,

1. The date of issuing of every Warrant, Dispensation, and Charter for a Grand or Subordinate Commandery, granted by authority of the Grand Encampment since its origin.

2. The roll of officers of the Grand Conclave of the Royal, Exalted, Religious, and Military Order of Masonic Knights Templar in England and Wales, together with the roll of Encampments, officers, and members of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Canada.

B.—A Register of Membership, to contain,

1. The roll of officers of the Grand Encampment, with their terms of service, etc., etc., since the origin of the same.

2. The roll of officers and members of each Grand and Subordinate Commandery now working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, with all the current changes result-

ing from removals, dismissions, suspensions, expulsions, and deaths.

C.—Historical Data, tending to lighten up the history of Templar Masonry in the United States.

Likewise, to collect and in orderly volumes bind a copy of all the proceedings of the Grand Encampment since its organization, together with copies of by-laws, impressions of seals, proceedings of State Grand Commanderies, etc., etc., and to make a triennial report of his official acts.

6. *The Remaining Officers.*

The duties of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment are such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or such as may be assigned them by the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Captain General, are severally authorized to visit and preside in any Commandery of Knights Templar throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the institution may require, always adhering to the ancient landmarks.

In the event of the absence of all the four principal officers of the Grand Encampment, the Past Grand officers, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder shall severally give bond and security, in such form and to such an amount—but not less than double the estimated triennial receipts by either—as shall from time to time be determined by the Grand Master, who shall judge and approve the sufficiency of such bonds and securities, and who shall keep and preserve the same.

Any Grand officer—save as above excepted—coming into the receipt of moneys or property belonging to the Grand Encampment, shall forthwith remit the same to the Grand Recorder.

ARTICLE SECOND.

OF THE STATE GRAND COMMANDERIES.

SECTION I.—HOW CONSTITUTED.

Whenever there shall be three or more Subordinate Chartered Commanderies instituted or holden under this Constitution, in any one State, District, or Territory, in which a Grand Encampment has not been heretofore formed, a *Grand Commandery* may be formed after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master or the Grand Encampment. Its jurisdiction shall be the territorial limits in which it is holden.

A State Grand Commandery consists of the following members:

- I. The Grand Commander.
- II. The Deputy Grand Commander.
- III. The Grand Generalissimo.
- IV. The Grand Captain General.
- V. The Grand Prelate.
- VI. The Grand Senior Warden.
- VII. The Grand Junior Warden.
- VIII. The Grand Treasurer.
- IX. The Grand Recorder.
- X. The Grand Standard Bearer.
- XI. The Grand Sword Bearer.
- XII. The Grand Warder, and
- XIII. The Grand Captain of the Guards.

LIKEWISE,

- XIV. All Past Grand Commanders [and Grand Masters].
- XV. All Past Deputy Grand Commanders [and Deputy Grand Masters].
- XVI. All Past Grand Generalissimos, and
- XVII. All Past Grand Captains General of the same Grand Commandery so long as they remain members of the Subordinate Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction.

LIKEWISE,

XVIII. The Commander.

XIX. The Generalissimo, and

XX. The Captain General of each Subordinate Commandery, working under the same Grand Commandery.

LIKEWISE,

XXI. All Past Commanders of the Subordinate Commanderies, working under the same Grand Commanderies so long as they remain members of Subordinate Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction.

Each of the individuals enumerated in this section shall be entitled when present to one vote in all the proceedings of the State Grand Commandery.

No person shall be eligible to any office in a State Grand Commandery unless he shall be at the time a member of some Subordinate Commandery working under the same Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is recognized as holding jurisdiction over both those States.

SECTION 2.—PROXIES.

Any officer specified in Section 1st of this Article, save and except Past Commanders, may appear and vote *by proxy*, said proxy being at the time of service a member of the same Subordinate Commandery as his principal, and producing a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

SECTION 3.—TITLES.

The title and designation of the Grand Commander of a State Grand Commandery is *Right Eminent*; that of Deputy Grand Commander, *Very Eminent*; of the remaining officers of the Grand Commandery, *Eminent*.

SECTION 4.—MEETINGS.

The stated meetings of a State Grand Commandery shall

occur annually, at such time and place as said Grand Commandery in its discretion may direct.

Special meetings may be called by the Grand Commander at his discretion.

The several Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

At the stated meetings of each Grand Commandery, there shall be reviewed and considered all the official reports of its officers and of the Subordinate Commanderies within its jurisdiction for the preceding year. They shall proceed to elect by ballot the several officers of the Grand Commandery (see Art. II, Sec. 1). To adopt such rules and edicts, subordinate to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, as may be necessary for the good of the Order. To examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. To supervise the state and condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be necessary to increase, secure, and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safe keeping and paying over the funds and property of the Grand Commandery. To grant or withhold Dispensations and Charters for all new Commanderies. For good cause to revoke any pre-existing Charter or Dispensation; to assign the limits of Subordinate Commanderies within its own jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them; and finally, to consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being and perpetuation of Templar Masonry, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

No business shall be transacted at the *called* meetings save that which was specified in the original summons.

At every meeting all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer, for the time being being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote. No appeal shall lie to the Grand Commandery from the decision of the Grand Commander.

SECTION 5.—DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

1. *The Grand Commander.*

The Grand Commander of a State Grand Commandery shall have a watchful supervision over all the Subordinate Commanderies under his jurisdiction, and see that all the constitutional enactments, rules and edicts of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and of his own Grand Commandery, are duly and promptly observed.

He shall have the power and authority, during the recess of his Grand Commandery, to grant Letters of Dispensation to a competent number of petitioners, nine or more, residing within his jurisdiction, and possessing the constitutional qualifications empowering them to form and open a Commandery; such Dispensations to be in force no longer than the next annual meeting of his Grand Commandery. But no Letters of Dispensation for constituting a new Commandery shall be issued, save upon the recommendation of the Commandery in the same territorial jurisdiction nearest the place of the new Commandery prayed for.

He may call special meetings of his Grand Commandery at his discretion. (See Art. II, Sec. 4.)

He may visit and preside at any Commandery within the jurisdiction of his Grand Commandery, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the institution may require, but always adhering to the ancient landmarks.

It is his duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

2. *The Deputy Grand Commander.*

The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal, or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Commander. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Commandery or the Grand Commander.

It is his duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

3. *Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General.*

In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Gen-

eralissimo and Grand Captain General shall severally act as Grand Commanders, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Commandery, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

It is their duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

4. *The Grand Recorder.*

The Grand Recorder shall make an annual communication to the Grand Recorder of each of the other Grand Commanderies, likewise to the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States; said communication to embrace the roll of Grand Officers, and such other matters as may conduce to the general good of the Order. He shall also regularly transmit to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States copies of all the By-Laws and Regulations adopted by his Grand Commandery.

The duties of the remaining officers, as well as of those above specified, shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or allotted to them by the Grand Commandery, and corresponding as near as may be to those of the corresponding officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

In the event of the absence of all the four principal officers of the Grand Commandery, the Past Grand Officers, according to the rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

ARTICLE THIRD.

OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

SECTION 1.—How CONSTITUTED.

Each State Grand Commandery shall have exclusive power to constitute new *Commanderies* within its jurisdiction. During the recess of the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall have the power to grant *Letters of Dispensation* to a com-

petent number of petitioners, nine or more, possessing the constitutional qualifications, and residing within its territorial jurisdiction, empowering them to form and open a Commandery for a term of time not extending beyond the next stated meeting of the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Encampment of the United States shall have exclusive power to constitute new Commanderies within any State, District or Territory, wherein there is no State Commandery regularly formed under the authority of the Grand Encampment of the United States. During the recess of the Grand Encampment the Grand Master shall have the power to grant Letters of Dispensation to a competent number of petitioners, nine or more, possessing the constitutional qualifications, and residing within said unappropriated State, District or Territory, empowering them to form and open a Commandery for a term of time not extending beyond the next stated meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

A Subordinate Commandery consists of the following members:

- I. The Commander.
- II. The Generalissimo.
- III. The Captain General.
- IV. The Prelate.
- V. The Senior Warden.
- VI. The Junior Warden.
- VII. The Treasurer.
- VIII. The Recorder.
- IX. The Standard Bearer.
- X. The Sword Bearer, and
- XI. The Warder.

LIKEWISE,

- XII. As many members as may be found convenient for work and discipline.

Each of the individuals enumerated in this section shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in all the proceedings of the Subordinate Commandery.

SECTION 2.—TITLES.

The Title and designation of the Commander of a Subordinate Commandery, is *Eminent*.

SECTION 3.—MEETINGS.

The Stated Meetings of a Subordinate Commandery shall occur at least semi-annually, at such time and place as may be specified in the Charter, or designated in the By-Laws of the Commandery.

Special Meetings may be called by the Commander at his discretion.

The several officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors be duly elected and installed.

No business shall be performed at the *called* meetings, save that which was specified in the original summons.

At every meeting, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer for the time being, being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote. No appeal shall lie to the Subordinate Commandery, from the decision of the Commander.

SECTION 4.—DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

The Commander.

The Commander has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Commandery are duly observed, as well as the Constitution, Rules, and Edicts of the State Grand Commandery, and of the Grand Encampment of the United States: that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered: that regular returns are made to the Grand Encampment or Commandery, annually: and that the annual dues are promptly paid.

It is his duty, together with the Generalissimo and Captain General, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of his Grand Encampment, or Commandery.

The Recorder.

It shall be the duty of the Recorder of every Subordinate

Commandery, working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to report annually to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, up to the first day of August, the roll of his officers and members, and the working roll of his Commandery; and to accompany the same with the amount of dues to the Grand Encampment of the United States. For failure herein, the Commandery so offending, shall be subject to Knightly discipline.

In the event of the absence of all the three principal officers of the Commandery, the Past Commanders, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

ARTICLE FOURTH.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 1.—FEES, DUES, AND FINANCIALS.

The fee for instituting a new Commandery shall not be less than ninety dollars.

For every Knight Templar created in any Commandery, holden by Dispensation or Charter whilst under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, there shall be paid two dollars into the treasury of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States shall receive ten dollars as his fee for each Charter issued, and five dollars for endorsing, under the seal of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the extension of a Dispensation.

The State Grand Commanderies, respectively, shall possess authority, upon the institution of new Commanderies within their respective jurisdictions, to require from the several Commanderies within their respective jurisdictions such proportions of the sums received by them for conferring the Orders; likewise, such sums in the form of annual dues from their respective members, as may be necessary for supporting the Grand Commandery.

No Subordinate Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than twenty dollars.

There shall be a Contingent Fund of three hundred dollars, placed to the credit of the Most Eminent Grand Master, on the books of the Grand Treasurer, at the close of each triennial session; out of which the Grand Master shall reimburse himself for his necessary cash expenses in the performance of his constitutional duties, and make a triennial report of the same to the Grand Encampment.

There shall be appropriated at each triennial session of the Grand Encampment of the United States, a sufficient sum to be used by the Grand Recorder to meet the current expenses of the Secretariat, of which he shall render an account at the succeeding session.

SECTION 2.—GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. No Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, shall confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any one who is not a regular Royal Arch Mason, according to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

2. The rule of succession, in conferring the Orders of Knighthood, shall be as follows: 1. Knight of the Red Cross. 2. Knight Templar.

3. Every Commandery working in a State, District, or Territory, where there is a Grand Commandery, shall have a Dispensation or Charter from said Grand Commandery. And no Commandery hereafter to be formed or opened in such State, District, or Territory, shall be deemed legal without such Charter or Dispensation. All Masonic communication, as a Templar, is interdicted between any Commandery working under the general or special jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, or any member thereof, and any Commandery or member of such, that may be formed, opened, or holden in such State, District, or Territory, without such Charter or Dispensation.

It shall be deemed irregular for any Commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood, or either of them, upon any sojourner, whose settled place of residence is within any State,

District or Territory, in which there is a Commandery regularly at work, until the consent of the Commandery having territorial jurisdiction is first obtained. In the event of the violation of this interdict, the Commandery so offending, shall be subject to Knightly discipline, and be required, upon demand, to pay over to the Commandery thus defrauded, the amount of fees received for such admission.

The officers of every Commandery, Grand and Subordinate, before entering upon the exercise of their respective offices, shall take the following obligation, viz: "I, (A. B.) do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America."

The Grand Master of this Grand Encampment may issue his proxy to any Knight Templar in regular standing, authorizing him to constitute a Subordinate Commandery which has received a Charter; and any Commandery thus constituted, shall be deemed regularly constituted.

SECTION 3.—AMENDMENTS.

The Grand Encampment shall be competent upon the concurrence of three-fourths of its members present, at any stated meeting, to revise, amend, and alter this Constitution; *provided*, one day's previous notice of such motion to amend be given, and a particular time be set to take the vote thereon.

In all other cases, any proposed amendment shall lay over until the next stated meeting of the Grand Encampment, when a concurring vote of two-thirds shall be necessary to adopt such alteration, amendment or revision.

SECTION 4.—RULE OF ORDER.

RULE 1.—After the ceremony of opening the Grand Encampment, it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to read the minutes of the last Triennial Session, unless such reading be dispensed with; and at the resumption of business in each successive sitting, the minutes of the preceding one shall also be read.

RULE 2.—A Committee on Credentials, consisting of three Sir Knights, shall be appointed by the Grand Master, to report at the opening of the next sitting.

RULE 3.—After the report of this committee, the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Captain General will successively read the reports of their doings during the preceding three years. These reports shall be referred to the Standing Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers, who may recommend the apportionment of such parts thereof, to Special, or to such other of the Standing Committees, as they may deem necessary.

RULE 4.—The Standing Committees shall be :

1. A Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers.
2. A Committee on Finance.
3. A Committee on Dispensations and New Commanderies.
4. A Committee on Unfinished Business.
5. A Committee on Grievances.
6. A Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
7. A Committee to designate the place of the next Triennial Meeting.

The report of these committees shall be heard in order, except the last one, which shall report on the last day of the meetings of the Grand Encampment.

RULE 5.—While the several committees are preparing their reports the new business may be acted upon; and if any subject is brought forward requiring a reference to any Standing or Special Committee, it shall be so referred forthwith. All committees shall make it a point to report as soon as convenient after their appointment.

RULE 6.—No Sir Knight shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject, except to explain the meaning of some of his remarks, unless it be by special permission of the Grand Encampment first obtained.

RULE 7.—The Grand Encampment shall proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing three years, immediately after the opening of the first sitting, on Thursday following the commencement of the Triennial Meetings.

RULE 8.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Master, at each

Triennial Meeting, if time permit, to cause an exemplification of the work appertaining to the Orders of Knighthood to be exhibited before the Grand Encampment; and also to correct, officially, all irregularities and discrepancies that exist.



In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of the Grand Encampment to be hereunto affixed.

Dated at the City of Cincinnati, this 1st day of November, A. D. 1862, and of the Order, 744.

John D. Caldwell
Grand Recorder.

NOTICE.—For proposed amendments to the above Constitution, to be acted on at Triennial Session of 1865, at the City of Columbus, Ohio, see page 65 of these Proceedings.

Alphabetical List of Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the U. S., in attendance at Fifteenth Triennial Meeting, in New York City, Sept. 2, 1862.

BAILEY, EDWIN C.....	Boston, Mass.
BAYLESS, SOLOMON D., Grand Junior Warden.....	Lafayette, Indiana.
BECKER, GEO. L.....	St. Paul, Minnesota.
BEECHER, BENJAMIN.....	New Haven, Conn.
BELL, SAMUEL P.....	Washington City, D. C.
BUCK, DANIEL.....	Washington City, D. C.
CALDWELL, JOHN D., Grand Recorder.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
CLARK, JOHN.....	St. Clair, Mich.
CORSON, THOMAS J.....	Trenton, N. J.
CRANE, CHARLES PRESTON.....	New Orleans, La.
DODGE, MOSES.....	Portland, Maine.
DOWDING, GEORGE.....	New York City.
EDWARDS, GEORGE B.....	Jersey City, N. J.
ELLISON, WILLIAM.....	Boston, Mass.
FIELD, WILLIAM.....	Providence, R. I.
FRENCH, BENJAMIN BROWN, Grand Master.....	Washington City, D. C.
GILMAN, ZADOCK D.....	Washington City, D. C.
GOODLOE, DAVID SHORT, Deputy Gr. Master.....	Lexington, Ky.
HERRING, JAMES, Past Gr. Generalissimo.....	New York City.
HIGBY, WILLIAM R.....	New Haven, Conn.
HILTON, JOHN.....	Jersey City, N. J.
HUBBARD, WILLIAM BLACKSTONE, Past Gr. Master.....	Columbus, Ohio.
HUTCHINSON, JEREMIAH L., Grand Warder.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
JARVIS, KENT.....	Massillon, Ohio.
LEWIS, WINSLOW, Past Gr. Generalissimo.....	Boston, Mass.
MACOY, ROBERT.....	New York City.
McMURDY, ROBERT, D.D., LL.D.....	Alexandria, Va.
MITCHELL, W. W.....	Chicago, Illinois.
MUNDY, PEARSON.....	Watertown, N. Y.
PAIGE, CLINTON F.....	Binghamton, N. Y.
PIERSON, AZARIAH T. C., Grand Capt. Genl.....	St. Paul, Minnesota.
PRIEST, ZENAS C., Grand Generalissimo.....	Utica, New York.
RAYMOND, EDWARD A.....	Boston, Mass.
SANFORD, WILLIAM E., Grand Senior Warden.....	New Haven, Conn.
SIMONS, JOHN W., Grand Treasurer.....	New York City.
STEVENS, EZRA L.....	Washington City, D. C.
STIRRATT, JAMES, Gr. Sword Bearer.....	Baltimore, Md.
STORER, ELIPHALET G.....	New Haven, Conn.
SUTTON, WILLIAM.....	Salem, Mass.
THOMPSON, ABNER B.....	Brunswick, Maine.
TURNER, EDMUND H.....	Saxton, Pa.
WASHBURN, GAMALIEL.....	Montpelier, Vermont.

Grand Master's Contingent Account.

1859.		
Sept.	—To paid Taylor & Maury, for letter book.....	2 50
Oct. 1.	—To paid Polkinhorn, for printing letter heads.....	3 50
12.	—To actual expense attending the organization of St. Bernard and Helena Commanderies, at Hightstown and Burlington, N. J.....	1 16
19.	—To actual expense of attending the organization of Baltimore Commandery.....	2 00
19.	—To paid for postage stamps.....	3 00
19.	—To paid J. L. Lewis, for dividing the staff of the "abacus".....	3 00
Nov. 3.	—To paid bill of expenses in sending seal press and box of books and papers to Baltimore for S. G. Risk, N. O... ..	1 39
25.	—To actual expenses incurred, beyond those paid by Com., in organizing Hugh de Payens, Com. at Jersey City, N. J.....	7 00
1860.		
Jan. 3.	—To paid F. Taylor, for stationery.....	3 32
April 1.	—To paid for envelopes and stamps.....	4 68
July 6.	—To paid Polkinhorn's bill—1 ream letter heads and paper.....	7 00
Aug. 1.	—To paid for stamps.....	3 00
1.	—To expense of going to New York City to attend taking of P. G. M. Hubbard's portrait, and to consult with Com. on drill and tactics.....	25 00
Oct.	—To expenses attending my return from Cincinnati, by way of Boston, to visit Commanderies there, &c.....	25 00
Nov. 24.	—To paid Macoy & Sickles, for printing 500 copies of my address before Boston Encampment.....	22 30
24.	—To express charge.....	1 00
1861.		
Feb. 4.	—To paid express charge on package from W. W. M. Com. on Work and Drill from Chicago.....	1 25
June 26.	—To paid Polkinhorn for pr. circular of Ap. 18.....	2 00
26.	—To paid for 1 cent stamped envelopes to send ditto.....	2 34
1862.		
Mar. 28.	—To paid for 50 stamps and 50 stamped envelopes.....	3 15
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		\$123 59
1859.		
Dec. 16.	—To paid Gault & Bro., hangings for cross of office (omitted in proper place).....	7 00
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		\$130 59
1859.		
Oct. 3.	—By cash of G. Treasurer, for contingent fund.....	\$300 00
	Expenditures brought up.....	130 59
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	Balance of contingent fund unexpended.....	\$169 41

B. B. FRENCH, *Grand Master.*

JOHN D. CALDWELL, *Grand Recorder, In Account with Grand Encampment.*

DR.

To cash received as follows:

1862, Sept. 1.—To dues of Washington Commandery, No. 1, Washington City.....	\$30 00
1.—To dues of Oregon City Commandery, U. D., Oregon.....	14 00
4.—To order on Grand Treasurer.....	262 00
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	\$306 00

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By account current:

1862, March 27.—By one 8 qr. records.....	\$10 00
27.—By blank books.....	2 00
27.—By postage and stationery.....	2 00
27.—By seal and press, pd. Mrs. Hall.....	20 00
27.—Paid printing circulars, Moore W. & K.....	7 50
May 31.—Paid printing circulars, Moore W. & K.....	7 50
31.—Stamps for same.....	12 00
Aug. —Transportation to New York.....	1 00
Sept. 1.—Amount paid Treasurer.....	44 00
—Appropriation by Grand Encampment.....	200 00
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	<u>\$306 00</u>

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar U. S. in account with SAMUEL G. RISK, Grand Recorder.

1859.

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Oct. 4—To paid postage on sheets of proceedings sent.....	30
" 4—To paid Adams Express, on transmission of seal from Washington City.....	\$1 25
" 31—To paid postage on sheets of proceedings sent.....	60
Nov. 9—To paid postage on proceedings.....	1 51
" 9—To paid telegraph to Grand Treasurer.....	8 10
" 30—To paid postage stamps to send off proceedings.....	10 00
" 30—To paid Adams Express, on copy of proceedings from 1816 to 1859 from Grand Master.....	1 50
Dec. 1—To paid J. M. Lapham for wood-cut of Patriarchal Cross.	28 00
" 2—To paid barque Laconia one-half freight on box of books, seal, etc.....	1 00

1860.	
Jan. 6—To paid H. G. Stetson & Co., bill of stationery.....	\$6 25
" 13—To paid postage on 98 copies of proceedings.....	9 80
" 24—To paid postage on 4 copies of proceedings.....	40
" 24—To paid postage on charter, etc., to St. Aldemar Com- mandery.....	12
" 26—To paid postage on 107 copies of proceedings.....	10 70
" 26—To paid postage on proceedings and letter.....	16
Feb. 2—To paid Adams Express, on package of proceedings sent to B. B. French.....	1 50
" 3—To paid for postage stamps.....	1 50
" 13—To paid freight on box of engravings, per steamship Moses Taylor, from New York.....	1 60
" 24—To paid Adams Express, on package to B. B. French.....	75
May 22—To paid Adams Express on package to W. B. Hubbard, Columbus, Ohio.....	1 25
" 22—To paid Adams Express, on package to B. B. French.....	1 50
June 11—To paid Adams Express, on package to Wm. B. Hubbard.	1 50
" 27—To paid for postage stamps to send off proceedings.....	5 00
July 2—To paid M. W. Galt & Bro. for engraving inscription on sword presented to B. B. French, Grand Master.....	2 50
Aug. 14—To paid freight on box of re-print proceedings, from 1816 to 1856, sent to John W. Simons, Grand Treasurer, per steamship Bienville.....	1 60
" 13—To cash sent John W. Simons, Grand Treasurer.....	100 00
Sept. 13—To cash sent John W. Simons, Grand Treasurer.....	243 61
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	<u>\$437 00</u>

*The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of U. S. in account
with SAMUEL G. RISK, Grand Recorder.*

1859.		CR.
Nov. 1—By cash of De Molay Commandery, No. 3, Tenn., for dues from Aug. 1st, 1859, to Oct. 12th, 1859, to formation of Grand Commandery of Tenn.....		\$6 00
" 3—By cash of Nashville Commandery, No. 1, Tenn., for dues from Aug. 1st, 1859, to Oct. 12th, 1859, to formation of Grand Commandery of Tenn.....		6 00
" 29—By cash of St. Omer Commandery, No. 2, Georgia, balance dues of 1859.....		25 00
" 29—By cash for Dispensation issued by Grand Master to St. Joseph Commandery, No. 4, St. Joseph, Mo.....		90 00
1860.		
May 14—By cash for Dispensation issued by Grand Master to Orleans Commandery, New Orleans, La.....		90 00

July 7—By cash of Weston Commandery, No. 2, Missouri, for dues to formation of Grand Commandery of Missouri.....	\$56 00
Aug. 5—By cash of Mobile Commandery, No. 2, Alabama, for dues from Aug. 1st, 1859, to Aug. 1st, 1860.....	22 00
“ 9—By cash of Selma Commandery, No. 5, Alabama, for dues from Aug. 1st, 1859, to Aug. 1st, 1860.....	6 00
“ 13—By cash for Dispensation issued by Grand Master to Oregon Commandery, No. 1, Oregon City, Oregon.....	90 00
“ 14—By cash of Washington Commandery, No. 1, Washington City, for dues from Aug. 1st, 1859, to Aug. 1st, 1860.....	38 00
Sept. 5—By cash of Jaques de Molay Commandery, No. 2, New Orleans, La., for dues from Aug. 1st, 1859, to Aug. 1st, 1860.....	8 00
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	<u>\$487 00</u>

CIRCULARS OF GRAND MASTER FRENCH.

The following circulars issued by Sir BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH, M. Em. Grand Master, since the Triennial Convocation of 1859, are here reproduced, and attached to the printed record of proceedings of the Grand Encampment of the U. S. :

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR }
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. }

BENJAMIN B. FRENCH,

Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States :

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN :

I have just received from our V. E. Frater, Sir M. H. Shuttleworth, Grand Vice Chancellor of the Grand Conclave of Masonic Knights Templar of England and Wales, official information of the death of V. E. Frater, Sir JOHN MASSON, Grand Chancellor, of that Illustrious Body.

Our distinguished and respected Frater has been long known by reputation to the Templars of the United States. He was appointed by my Most Eminent predecessor in office, the Honorable William Blackstone Hubbard, on the 24th of March, 1858, Representative of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States to the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, which high office he held at the time of his decease.

Thus, has been removed, from our Earthly Temple, one who was beloved and honored by all who knew him ; one who was not only a high and most faithful officer of the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, but was officially connected with the Grand Encampment of the United States ; who possessed our high respect and perfect confidence, and whose sud-

den and unexpected decease, "after a few hours' illness," we sincerely mourn.

To the officers and members of that Grand Conclave we tender our Fraternal sympathies at their sad bereavement, and heartily join them in bearing our testimony to the worth, ability, zeal and goodness of their departed Frater.

As a proper testimony of respect to the memory of our deceased Frater, and of sympathy with our Brethren of England and Wales, I hereby direct that this letter be read in each Commandery to which it may come, and that all Knights Templar within our Grand Jurisdiction, do, when on duty, wear the usual badge of mourning (crape on the hilt of the sword), for thirty days from the time this order becomes known unto them.

Our Very Eminent Grand Recorder will cause this letter to be made patent, and will address copies thereof, under his signature and the official seal of our Grand Encampment, to each Grand Officer and Past Grand Officer thereof; to each Right Eminent Grand Commander of a State Grand Commandery, and to the Eminent Commander of each Commandery immediately subordinate to our Grand Encampment.

Given under my hand and private seal, at the City of Washington, on the 1st day of June, A. D., 1860, A. O., 742, and attested by the signature of the Grand Recorder and the seal of our Grand Encampment at the City of New Orleans, La., on this 11th day of June, A. D., 1860, A. O., 742.

[SEAL.]

B. B. FRENCH, Grand Master.

SAMUEL G. RISK, Grand Recorder.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR }
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. }

BENJ. B. FRENCH,

Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In December last the melancholy intelligence reached me, through the current channels of information, of the decease

of our Most Eminent Frater, Col. Sir CHARLES KEMEYS KEMEYS TYNTE, Supreme Grand Master of the Royal, Exalted, Religious and Military Order of Masonic Knights Templar of England and Wales.

I should at once have taken official notice of the decease of that honored and revered Frater, had I not deemed it proper to await official information thereof, which I supposed would soon follow the unofficial announcement.

By the last mail from England I have received the expected official information; accompanied by the proceedings of the Grand Conclave on the announcement, by the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Master, of the sad event.

Colonel Tynte was elected Grand Master on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1846, and died November 22d, A. D. 1860, having served in the high office of Grand Master nearly fifteen years.

The V. E. Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight William Stuart (who is now exalted to the Supreme Command) called a special meeting of the Grand Conclave, on the 5th day of January, 1861, at which resolutions were adopted expressive of the sincere attachment, gratitude and respect entertained for the memory of their deceased Grand Master.

Again are the Templars on this side of the Atlantic called to join their Brethren of England and Wales in mourning the decease of one whose name is as familiar to them as if it was on the roll of membership of our own Grand Body; one to whose exalted virtues and high character we have been accustomed to look as embodying all that is honorable and chivalrous.

Within the past year the melancholy duty has devolved upon me of announcing to the Templars of the United States the death of the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Conclave of England and Wales. Now his superior officer, the M. E. Grand Master, has followed his faithful subordinate to the "Temple of Eternal Bliss and Glory," where, in God's own good time, we all hope to meet and join in one Grand Conclave in the presence of our Supreme Grand Master, whose children we are.

The Officers and Members of the Grand Conclave, at whose head our departed Frater stood so long, so honorably, and with so much dignity, will accept our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad bereavement, and be assured that even the broad Atlantic cannot interrupt the fraternal bonds of Templar Masonry.

As a proper testimony of respect to the memory of our deceased Frater, and of sympathy with our Brethren of England and Wales, I hereby direct that this letter be read in each Commandery to which it may come; and that all Knights Templar, within our Grand Jurisdiction, do, when on duty, wear the usual badge of mourning (crape on the hilt of the sword) for thirty days from the time this order becomes known unto them.

Our Very Eminent Grand Recorder will cause this letter to be made patent, and will address copies thereof under his signature and the official seal of our Grand Encampment, to each Grand officer and Past Grand officer thereof; to each Right Eminent Grand Commander of a State Grand Commandery; to the Eminent Commander of each Commandery immediately subordinate to our Grand Encampment; and to such Grand Officers of the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, and of Canada, as propriety may seem to dictate.

Given under my hand and private seal, at the City of Washington, on the 14th day of March, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743.

B. B. FRENCH, Grand Master.

[SEAL.] I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original, communicated to me by our M. E. Grand Master. In testimony of which I hereunto set my signature, and affix the seal of the Grand Encampment at the City of New Orleans, La., this 31st day of March, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743.

SAM'L G. RISK, Grand Recorder.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR }
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. }

BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH,

Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

TO ALL TRUE AND PATRIOTIC TEMPLARS:

Brotherly Love, Peace, Honor.

An awful fratricidal conflict seems to be impending. HE alone who rules the destinies of Nations can prevent it. HE works through human instruments. I implore every Templar Knight on the Continent of America, after humbly seeking strength and aid from on High, to exert all the means at his command to avert the dread calamity, which, to human vision, seems inevitable.

Let each Templar, to whom this may come, remember how often we have stood at each other's side, and raised our voices in prayer for the prosperity of a common country and a common cause. Let all call to mind how the Knights of Virginia, mingling in fraternal brotherhood with those of Massachusetts, pledged themselves to each other, on Bunker Hill, only a few brief years ago; and when another year had passed away, the same noble bands stood together in the city of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, the birthplace of Washington, and with mutual vows bound their souls in an everlasting covenant! Let them remember these things, and with hearts on fire with love for each other, and for their countrymen, go forth among those countrymen and implore the arbitrament of peace, instead of that of the sword.

I ask no one to surrender a principle that has become dear to his heart; but I ask every one to labor and to pray that such counsels may take place between the contending parties, who have so many years acted with a common impulse, as to restore harmony and kind feeling, and avoid the curse of having fraternal blood crying to Heaven from the ground, and bringing down its maledictions on our children's children through all future time! Labor and pray that hostilities may be suspended until the mild counsels of peace can be appealed to, and that the appeal may not be in vain.

Casting aside every political feeling, every political aspiration, and asking every Templar to do the same, let us, as one man, unite in one grand effort to prevent the shedding of fraternal blood, and to inaugurate here that blessed result which our Lord and Master initiated: "Peace on earth and good will to men."

Templars! you count, in this land, by tens of thousands. Each one has his influence in the circle about him. Never, no never, was there an opportunity to exert that influence in a more holy cause, or to a more sublime purpose. Forward, then, to the rescue of your country from fratricidal war!

But, if war must come—which dread calamity may God, in His infinite mercy, avert—then I call on every Knight Templar to perform that sacred duty, which so well becomes our Order, of binding up the wounds of the afflicted and comforting those who mourn.

Dated at the City of Washington, on this eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord 1861, and the year of our Order 748.

B. B. FRENCH, *Grand Master.*

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND RECORDER OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT
K. T. OF U. S. A.

"In Hoc Signo Vincas."

BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH,

Grand Master of Knights Templar of the U. S. of A.,

TO ALL SIR KNIGHTS OF THE VALIANT AND MAGNANIMOUS ORDER OF THE
TEMPLE, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That in consequence of a vacancy in the office of Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, I do, by the power in me especially vested by the Grand Encampment, hereby appoint our trusty and well-beloved Sir Knight and Frater JOHN D. CALDWELL, of the City of Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, Grand Recorder of the said Grand Encampment, having full confidence in his

integrity, honor, ability and good judgment to perform the duties of said office.

To have and to hold the same until the Grand Encampment, in triennial meeting assembled, shall elect his successor, and such successor shall be installed.

Given under my hand and private seal, at the City of Washington, this 21st day of January, A. D. 1862, A. O. 744.

B. B. FRENCH.

EDICT DECLARING "GRAND COMMANDERY OF VERMONT" A
SPURIOUS ORGANIZATION.

"In Hoc Signo Vincas."

BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH,

Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America,

TO WHOMSOEVER THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

The printed Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont, at its annual meeting, held at Burlington, on the 7th day of January last, having very recently come to me, through the courtesy of the distinguished Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, (no copy having reached me from the G. C. of Vermont,) I have been not only greatly surprised, but deeply pained at the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Vermont, by which it has most unceremoniously withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States. And I am very sorry to be obliged to add, that its resolution of withdrawal bears upon its face errors at which a Templar who has just arisen from the initiatory altar ought to blush.

The proceedings are as follows:

"Resolved, That the connection of the Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont with the General Grand Commandery of the United States be and the same is hereby dissolved."

Although the *Grand Encampment* of the United States is not mentioned, there can be no doubt that, by "General Grand Commandery," that Most Eminent Grand Body is

meant, particularly as no such organization as a General Grand Commandery of the U. S. exists, or ever did exist. So, by the proceedings above quoted, the Grand Commandery of Vermont has, with about the same apparent thought of the consequences that a Sir Knight would entertain in unbuckling his sword belt after his Knightly labors were over, repudiated or attempted to repudiate the solemn obligations of every Knight Templar in Vermont, and cast off its sworn allegiance to the Grand Body which created it. It has followed in Masonry the unjustifiable political example of certain States of the Federal Union, and has seceded from its allegiance!

The Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States provides that "The officers of every Commandery, Grand and Subordinate, before entering upon the exercise of their respective offices, shall take the following obligations, viz:

"I, ———, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America," and it makes it the duty of the Grand Master to "have a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies, State and Subordinate, in the United States, and see that all the constitutional enactments, rules and edicts of the Grand Encampment are duly and promptly observed."

In addition to these constitutional provisions, every Templar in the U. S., if properly initiated, is under a solemn vow to maintain and support the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the U. S.

The Grand Commandery of Vermont having seceded from the Grand Encampment of the United States, repudiated its jurisdiction, and thereby placed every Sir Knight under its jurisdiction, who has acceded to its action, in the attitude of a perjured Templar, there is but one course for the Grand Master to pursue, and that is to issue his Edict, which he does, as follows:

WHEREAS, The Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont, a Body called into being and organized by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and which has, up to January 7th, 1862, acknowledged the jurisdiction of that Grand

Body, has, by a resolution, adopted, apparently, without any division of sentiment, declared its connection with "The General Grand Commandery of the United States" (meaning the Grand Encampment of the U. S.) dissolved :

Know Ye, That, by the high power in me vested by the Grand Constitution, and the usages of Templar Masonry, I, Benjamin Brown French, Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America, do hereby declare said Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont a spurious organization, acting without authority, and every Subordinate Commandery holding its charter from said Grand Commandery, and every Knight, who approves of or acquiesces in the disorganizing action of said Grand Commandery, as disloyal, and under the severest censure.

And I do hereby forbid any Templar intercourse between loyal Templar Bodies, and loyal Knights, and the said Grand Commandery, its officers or members, or any Sir Knights, in the State of Vermont, who approve of the doings of said Grand Commandery, in passing its resolution above quoted. And I hereby interdict all Templar communication with said designated Bodies or individual Knights.

And I hereby make known to all true and loyal Knights in the State of Vermont, and all true and loyal Subordinate Commanderies, that upon application to me they will receive such authority, as it is proper for me to give, to organize Commanderies in the State of Vermont, under the immediate control and jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, or to transfer allegiance from such loyal Commanderies to said Grand Encampment.

And I enjoin upon all regular and loyal Bodies of Knights Templar, and all loyal Knights, to whom these presents may come, within the United States of America, not to hold, or permit to be held, any Templar intercourse or communion with the disloyal Knights of Vermont.

Our Very Eminent Grand Recorder will cause this Edict to be printed, and officially communicated to all Grand Commanderies, and all Subordinate Commanderies immediately

under the jurisdiction of our Grand Encampment, that can be reached.

Given under my hand and private seal, at the City of Washington, this eighteenth day of March, Anno Domini 1862, Anno Ordinis 744.

B. B. FRENCH.

Witness this my official Signature, and the Seal
of the Grand Encampment of Knights Tem-
plar of the United States of America.

[SEAL]

JOHN D. CALDWELL,

Grand Recorder of Grand Enc. K. T. of U. S. A.

EDICT RESTORING "GRAND COMMANDERY OF VERMONT," NOW
LOYAL AND FAITHFUL.

"In Hoc Signo Vincas."

BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH,

Grand Master Knights Templar of the United States of America :

TO WHOMSOEVER THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of March last, in consequence of the adoption by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Vermont, of a resolution dissolving the connection of that body with the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, the jurisdiction of which they had theretofore always acknowledged, I issued my edict, declaring said Grand Commandery a spurious organization, acting without authority, and forbidding any Templar intercourse between loyal Templar Bodies and loyal Knights, and the said Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont, &c., &c. And whereas, since the issuing of said Edict, to-wit, on the 22d day of April last, the said Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont in special meeting assembled, did unanimously rescind the said resolution, as the following official proceedings of said Grand Body show, viz :

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF VERMONT.

"At a special meeting, holden in the Asylum of Burlington Commandery No. 2, in Burlington, on the 22d day of April, A. O. 744, A. D. 1862, the following business was transacted, viz:

"After an address by the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Brown introduced the following Preamble and Resolutions, which, on motion, were passed by a unanimous vote;

"*Resolved*, That whereas, this Grand Commandery did, on the 7th day of January last, at its annual meeting, pass resolutions dissolving its connection with the General Grand Encampment of the United States; and whereas, this act was done without any hostility to the Grand Encampment, or its M. E. Grand Master, as our entire proceedings, with the exception of the resolutions, abundantly show: and without any intention of violating any rules, regulations, or established customs of the Order, and certainly with no intention of interrupting the harmony and knightly intercourse so vital to its perpetuity; and whereas, in consequence of the passage of said resolutions, the M. E. Grand Master has seen fit to issue an Edict, declaring this Grand Commandery a spurious organization, and interdicting Templar communication on the part of all loyal Bodies and loyal Knights with it, and this Grand Commandery desiring to be relieved from such position, in which we did not intend to place ourselves,

"*Resolved*, That said resolutions, adopted on the 7th of January last, dissolving the connection of this Grand Commandery with the Grand Encampment of the United States be and the same are hereby rescinded.

"*Resolved*, That our Grand Recorder be and he is hereby directed to forward copies of this preamble and resolutions to the M. E. Grand Master, and V. E. Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and to such other Templar Bodies as he may deem proper.

"By order of R. E. GAMALIEL WASHBURN, Grand Commander.

"JOHN B. HOLLENBECK,
Grand Recorder.

"Burlington, April 22d, 1862."

Now, therefore, be it Known, That I, BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH, Grand Master of Knights Templar as aforesaid, do hereby rescind my said Edict of the 18th of March last, and I do hereby restore the said Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont to its Knightly and honorable standing among the loyal and faithful Commanderies of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and among all Valiant and Magnanimous Knights Templar, in regular standing, wherever they may be.

Our Very Eminent Grand Recorder will cause this Edict to be printed and officially communicated, so far as possible, to all those Commanderies and Knights to whom he communicated my said Edict of March the 18th last.

Given under my hand and private seal, at the City of Washington, this sixteenth day of May, Anno Domini 1862, Anno Ordinis, 744.

BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH.

[L. S.] Witness this, my official signature,
JOHN D. CALDWELL,
Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, U. S. A.

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, K.
T. OF U. S. A.

"In Hoc Signo Vincas."

BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH,

Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America:

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, GREETING:

WHEREAS, At the last meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States, held in the City of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, in September, 1859, it was ordered, "That the next Triennial Meeting be held in the City of Memphis, Tennessee;" and

WHEREAS, For reasons apparent to all, it is believed to be impossible that the triennial meeting to commence on the first

Tuesday of September, 1862, can be held at Memphis, and there being no power reposing in the Grand Master to change the *place* of meeting fixed by the Grand Encampment, but a power reposed in him by the Constitution, to call special meetings; therefore

Be it known, That I, Benjamin Brown French, Grand Master as aforesaid, by the power in me vested, do hereby call a special meeting of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, to be held at the Corinthian Room, in Odd Fellows' Hall, at the corner of Grand and Center streets, in the City of New York, on Monday, the 1st day of September next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering the propriety of rescinding the order made at the triennial meeting of 1859, fixing upon Memphis, in the State of Tennessee, as the place of meeting, and of fixing upon some other place for the next regular meeting, to-wit: on the first Tuesday of September, 1862, being the day fixed by the Grand Constitution. At which time and place all the officers and members of the Grand Encampment of the United States, are requested to appear, clad in conformity with a special resolution of the Grand Encampment, in the prescribed costume of the Order.

Our V. E. Grand Recorder will cause this order to be promulgated to every Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, and to every Subordinate Commandery immediately subordinate to the Grand Encampment, and to every officer and Past officer entitled to a seat in the Grand Encampment, in the United States, that all, having due notice thereof, may govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and private seal, at the City of Washington, this twenty-second day of May, Anno Domini, 1862, Anno Ordinis, 744.

B. B. FRENCH.

Grand Encampment Knights Templar for U. S. A.

The General Grand Encampment, K. T. for U. S. was formed in the City of New York, June 20, 1816; in 1856, the revised constitution amended its title to Grand Encampment K. T. for U. S. It now numbers under its jurisdiction 22 State Commanderies, and 16 Commanderies immediately subordinate.

STATE COMMANDERIES.

There are twenty-two State Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment K. T. of U. S. A few of them hold semi-annual convocations. The annual meetings are held in the following months of the year:

JANUARY.

Mississippi; organized Jan. 22; R. W. T. Daniel, Grand Recorder, Jackson.

Vermont; 1825; ceased operations several years; re-organized Aug. 14, 1851, which was perfected in 1853. John B. Hollenbeck, G. Recorder, Burlington.

Wisconsin; Oct. 20, 1859; Wm. T. Palmer, Grand Recorder, Milwaukee.

APRIL.

Indiana; May 16, 1854; Francis King, Grand Recorder, Indianapolis.

Georgia; April 25, 1860; Chas. R. Armstrong, Gr. Recorder, Macon.

MAY.

Maine; May 5, 1852; Ira Berry, Grand Recorder, Portland.
Connecticut; Sept. 13, 1827; Eliphalet G. Storer, G. Recorder, New Haven.

Missouri; May 23, 1860; Edward G. Herriot, Gr. Recorder, Weston.

JUNE.

Kentucky; Oct. 5, 1847; William C. Munger, Grand Recorder, Louisville.

Michigan; April 7, 1857; George W. Wilson, Gr. Recorder, Ionia.

Pennsylvania; under G. Enc. April 12, 1854; Alfred Creigh, Grand Recorder, Washington.

Texas; Jan. 19, 1855; Andrew Neill, G. R., Galveston.

AUGUST.

New Hampshire; active from 1826 to 1841; dormant until re-organized Aug. 22, 1859; Horace Chace, Grand Recorder, Hopkinton.

SEPTEMBER.

New York; Jan. 22, 1814; represented in G. G. Enc. U. S. since 1819; Robert Macoy, G. R., New York City.

New Jersey; Feb. 14, 1860; Charles G. Milnor, G. R., Burlington.

OCTOBER.

Illinois; Oct. 27, 1857; Henry Collins Ranney, Grand Rec., Chicago.

Mass. and R. I.; May 1805; represented in G. Enc. U. S. since 1819; Solon Thornton, G. R., Boston.

Ohio; Oct. 24, 1843; John D. Caldwell, G. R., Cincinnati.

Tennessee; Oct. 12, 1859; no recent report.

NOVEMBER.

California; Aug. 10, 1858; Alex. G. Abell, G. Recorder, San Francisco.

Alabama; Dec. 1, 1860; Edmund W. Hastings, G. Recorder, Montgomery.

DECEMBER.

Virginia, 1826; soon became irregular, and remained so until Jan. 22, 1851; John Dove, G. R., Richmond.

COMMANDERIES IMMEDIATELY SUBORDINATE TO
GRAND ENCAMPMENT U. S.

WILMINGTON, No. 1, Wilmington, North Carolina.—Henry P. Russell Recorder. This Commandery was organized January 3d, 1851, from Fayetteville Encampment, Fayetteville N. C., which obtained a Dispensation from the Grand Encampment U. S., Dec. 21st, 1821. The Charter of Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, having been reported lost, a new Charter was authorized by G. M., Dec. 29, 1850.

No returns, or dues paid, since August 1, 1853.

WASHINGTON, No. 1. Washington City, D. C.—Zadock D. Gilman Em. Com. Charter issued by G. M., Henry Fowle, Jan. 14, 1825.

No returns, in full, for 1860. Dues paid for 1861 and 1862.

SOUTH CAROLINA, No. 1, Charleston S. C.—Samuel J. Hull Recorder. Charter of recognition issued by Sir John Snow, G. G. Generalissimo, Sept. 23, 1823.

For several years there was a G. Encampment S. C.; other subordinates, except S. C., No. 1, became dormant in 1856.

No returns or dues since August, 1858.

INDIVISIBLE FRIENDS, No. 1, New Orleans, La.—Charles Preston Crane Em. Com. This Encampment was organized as early as 1820, by the Grand Encampment of New York, as No. 6, under that jurisdiction. September, 1838, it was nominally transferred from New York jurisdiction to that of Grand Encampment U. S., but in 1844 the authority of Grand Encampment U. S. was ordered to be endorsed on the old Charter. (In 1826 Sir Jonathan Nye, Dep. G. G. M., granted a Charter to Invincibles (is this an error for Indivisible?) Encampment, New Orleans, which for several years was represented by Sir Alexander E. McConnell, who was elected G. G. St. B., in 1829, and General Grand Warder in 1852.)

Twenty-eight dollars, forwarded with returns since close of Grand Encampment, being in full to August, 1862.

MARYLAND, No. 1, Baltimore, Md.—Joseph Robinson Recorder. Lodges in Maryland were subordinate to G. L. Pa. until 31st of July, 1783, when G. L. Md. was organized at Talbot C. H., and was active until 1794.

May 12, 1797. A Grand Encampment of Knights Templars had been organized in Philadelphia, including subordinates in New York, Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania. A constitution was formed on the 17th of May. On the 15th of February, 1814, a Grand Convention of Knights Templars was held in the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, of which Henry S. Keatings, representing Baltimore Enc., No. 1. acted as Secretary; and at the organization of Penn. Grand Encampment of Knights Templars, on Feb. 16th, he was elected and installed Grand Standard Bearer. He was, in 1820, appointed Second Grand Visitor of that Grand Encampment.

A Charter was granted by this Grand Enc., to Baltimore Enc., dated May 2d, 1814, as No. 3, under the Pa. jurisdiction.

In 1832 the G. G. Enc. U. S. met in Baltimore, and Rev. W. W. Wallace, of Baltimore, was elected G. G. Prelate.

No. 1 was represented in G. G. Enc. in 1835, 1838, 1844, 1853, 1856 and 1862. It having become dormant, G. G. Enc., in 1847, authorized it to be revived, under the old Charter, which took place the 29th of July, 1848.

No returns on file, or dues credited to this Commandery, since August 1, 1859.

JACQUES DE MOLAY, No. 2, New Orleans, La.—Samuel M. Todd Recorder. Disp. April 5, 1850. Charter April 25, 1851.

No returns, or dues paid, since August 1, 1859.

DE MOLAY, No. 1, Quincy, Florida.—D. P. Holland Rec. Disp. March 17, 1851. Continued A. D. 1853. On account of destruction of Lodge room by fire, De Molay Enc. was authorized, if need be, to hold its meetings in Tallahassee, Fla.

Returns received March 17, 1857, and \$50 dues paid—Disp. continued to 1859—\$12 due on the 1st of August, 1858—no returns or payments since.

HUGH DE PAYENS, No. 1, Little Rock, Arkansas.—J. H. Newbern Rec. Disp. Dec. 21, 1853. Charter Sept. 10, 1856.

Dues paid, and \$1 over, to Aug. 1, 1859—no returns since.

DE MOLAY, of Iowa, No. 1, Muscatine, Iowa.—George A. Satterlee Rec. Disp. March 11, 1855. Charter Sept. 11, 1856.

No returns, or dues paid, since Aug. 1, 1859.

DAMASCUS, No. 1, St. Paul, Minnesota.—A. T. C. Pierson Em. Com. Disp. July 12, 1856. Charter Sept. 10, 1856.

Returns to Aug., 1862. Balance dues, unpaid, \$8.

PALESTINE, No. 2, Iowa City, Iowa.—Kimball Porter Em. Com. Charter Sept. 15, 1856.

No returns, or dues paid, since Aug. 1, 1859.

SILAM, No. 3, Dubuque, Iowa.—Philo E. Brown Em. Com. Disp. Feb. 9, 1857. Charter Sept. 16, 1859.

No returns, or dues paid, since Aug. 1, 1859.

DES MOINES, No. 4, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.—John Scott Em. Com. Disp. July 10, 1857.

No returns, or dues paid, since organization.

BALTIMORE, No. 2, Baltimore, Md.—James Stirratt Em. Com. Disp. June 17, 1859. Charter Sept. 16, 1859.

Dues unpaid.

ORLEANS, No. 3, New Orleans, La.—J. Q. A. Fellows Em. Com. Disp. May 19, 1860. Charter Sept. 4, 1862.

Dues unpaid.

OREGON, No. 1, Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon.—Amory Holbrook Em. Com. Disp. July 24, 1860. Charter Sept. 4, 1862.

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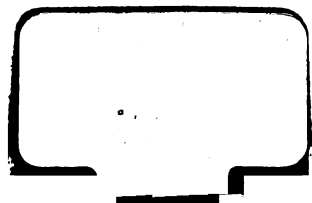
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